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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 9, 2024

TO:

Service List, dated January 8, 2024

FROM:

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE:

PETITION NO. 1607 – Hanwha Q Cells America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at Parcel No. 95-F10-247-5 and 95-F10-247-5A, 163 State Pier Road, New London, Connecticut, and associated electrical

interconnection.

Comments have been received from the State Historic Preservation Office on April 9, 2024. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



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Melanie Bachman, Esq.
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Subject: Petition for Declaratory Ruling, No. 1607, revised

163 State Pier Road New London, CT ENV-24-0493

Dear Director Bachman:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the information in response to your request for comments concerning the above matter. It is this office's understanding that the project proponent seeks to construct, maintain, and operate a 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility, to be located at Parcel No. 95-F10-247-5 and 95-F10-247-5A, 163 State Pier Road, New London.

It is our opinion that the subject property does not appear to be eligible for listing on either the State or National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, this office concurs with the submitted Archaeological Assessment that the subject property has been substantially disturbed, and is unlikely to contain significant, intact archaeological deposits. Based on the information provided to this office, <u>no historic properties will be affected</u>.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For further information please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or marena.wisniewski@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Kinney

State Historic Preservation Officer

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