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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 21, 2024

Town of Durham
Planning and Zoning Commission
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1608** – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.035-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Middlefield Road, Durham, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission Members:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Durham Planning and Zoning Commission's correspondence dated March 21, 2024 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council must carefully consider all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and consider all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated January 18, 2024
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RE: Petition No. 1680 - proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.035-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Middlefield Road, Durham, CT

To whom it may concern:

On January 17, 2024, Greenskies Clean Energy presented to the Durham Planning and Zoning Commission a proposed Ground Mounted Solar Project to be constructed at 141 Middlefield Road, Durham (Petition No. 1680). On March 20, 2024, the Commission met and voted to make the following suggestions for your consideration.

1. The proposed 7-foot chain link fence be replaced with a fence more in keeping with the rural location of the project such a wire farm fence with wooden posts.
2. Plantings be included in the project plan in the vicinity of the "Proposed Equipment" location and continuing to the south to mitigate some of the visual impact of the project for neighbors on the west side of Middlefield Road (CT-147). The Commission does not suggest a solid screen but a mixture of low to medium height deciduous and evergreen plants to provide a partial visual screen.