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DELIVERED BY E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: PETITION NO. 1609 – TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, under Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 250 Carter Street, Manchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.
Request for Late-Filed Exhibit and Administrative Notice.

Dear Attorney Bachman:

TRITEC Americas, LLC (“the Petitioner”), requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (“the Council”) accept Late-Filed Exhibit 9—the revised project map shown in Attachment A—that shows the proposed project overlaid on DEEP’s mapping tool, the Forestland Habitat Impact Map (arcgis.com).

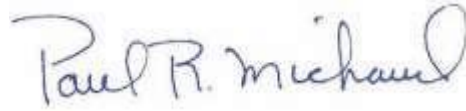
The Petitioner also requests that the Council take administrative notice of the Forestland Habitat Impact Map (arcgis.com)—the *only* mapping tool DEEP utilizes to determine core forest. See DEEP’s June 27, 2024, letter in Attachment B. In this proceeding, the availability of competing core forest mapping tools in Connecticut created confusion about whether the proposed project is, or is not, on a core forest. The Council noted this confusion during the May 2, 2024, evidentiary hearing and testimony from the Petitioner’s expert witnesses. See May 2, 2024, Hearing Transcript pp. 44-45. The attached letter from DEEP, however, clarifies that the Forestland Habitat Impact Map (arcgis.com) is the *only* core forest mapping tool utilized by DEEP. Overlaying the proposed project on DEEP’s Forestland Habitat Impact Map (arcgis.com) shows that the proposed project is *not* on a core forest, as demonstrated by the Late-Filed Exhibit 9, the revised project map.

Accordingly, the Petitioner requests that the Council accept Late-Filed Exhibit 9 and make it available for cross-examination by the Council and parties, all on the record of this proceeding.

Also, the Petitioner requests that the Council take administrative notice of the Forestland Habitat Impact Map (arcgis.com), the only mapping tool utilized by DEEP to determine core forest.

Petitioner certifies that this letter was emailed to the parties on the service list, and fifteen hard copies were hand-delivered to Council.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul R. Michaud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Paul R. Michaud

Enclosure

cc: Service List dated April 30, 2024



NOTE: BASE MAP INFORMATION TAKEN FROM CTDEEP FORESTLAND HABITAT IMPACT MAP



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CORE FOREST MAP
250 CARTER STREET
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Project #:	23100101
Plan Date:	07/18/24
Scale:	1" = 1,000'
Figure:	1



June 27, 2024

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RE: Core Forest Determination per Sec. 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes. Construction of solar projects with a capacity of two or more megawatts.

Dear Mr. Capuano,

This letter serves to affirm the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection utilizes the following on-line tool to assist applications presented to the Connecticut Siting Council if a proposed solar array project will have a material affect upon core forest.

[Forestland Habitat Impact Map \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) is the one and only approved tool for core forest determination. While additional consultation and on the ground verification is often helpful, this referenced Arcgis tool is the only map that is used to assist core forest material impact determination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Martin".

Christopher Martin, State Forester
Bureau of Natural Resources
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection