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SENT BY E-MAIL

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1609 – TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to 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 Council to Take Administrative Notice of Letter from DEEP**

Dear Attorney Bachman:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-178 and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §§ 16-50j-22a (b) and 16-50j-28 (f), the Petitioner TRITEC Americas, LLC respectfully requests that the Connecticut Siting Council take Administrative Notice in this proceeding, that the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) utilizes the Forestland Habitat Impact Map (aregis.com) and that this is the one and only approved tool for making a core forest determination. See letter from State Forester Christopher Martin of the Bureau of Natural Resources, DEEP.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Michaud

cc: Service List dated 4/30/2024



June 27, 2024

Anthony Capuano
Assistant Project Manager
Solli Engineering, LLC
11 Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 240
Norwood, MA 02062

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