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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 26, 2024

Rose Carroll
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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.

Dear Rose and Daniel Carroll:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated February 26, 2024, for the above-referenced petition.

The Request for a Public Hearing will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda, a copy of which will be sent to you. You will be notified of the Council's determination immediately thereafter.

Please contact our office at 860-827-2935 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List dated January 26, 2024
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From: rdcarroll01@aol.com <rdcarroll01@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 11:10 AM

To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>; Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>;
Rose Carroll <rdcarroll01@aol.com>

Subject: Opposition to Petition 1609

Good morning! Attached is a letter in opposition to the Petition 1609 - Carter St Solar Farm. We request a hearing on this Petition.

Thank you,
Rose and Daniel Carroll
21 Brookview Circle
Manchester, CT

Melanie A. Bachman, Director
State of CT Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
Email: melanie.bachman@ct.gov
RE: PETITION NO. 1609

Dear Ms. Bachman:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to PETITION NO. 1609, the TRITEC Solar Farm Proposal at 250 Carter St. Manchester, CT.

The proposed solar farm lies between two residential neighborhoods on an area popular with nature lovers and hikers. Because of the rural nature of this area, wells and septic tanks are common and could be adversely affected by pesticides to be used when they clear and maintain the solar facility.

If this TRITEC Solar Farm Proposal is permitted to move forward in this location, it will destroy the quality of our neighborhoods. Property owners have spent thousands of dollars improving their homes and gardens and do not want to see or hear a solar farm in their backyards. This solar farm will be unsightly, contaminate the soil and ground water, cause flooding homes due to redirection of stormwater runoff and lower our property values.

It is also dangerous. There currently is a gas line that passes through the woodlands which would run close to this solar farm. If there is a fire, it would cause substantial damage to the woodlands and the neighborhoods. Our first responders would not only have to deal with a solar fire but a possible wildfire not to mention the danger of the gas line. It could also cause an evacuation of the surrounding areas.

The constant noise pollution from the power inverters would be a nuisance to the neighboring homeowners, pets and the wildlife that live in the woods.

Trees and our wetlands do so much for our environment. In pursuit of climate initiatives, we should not be destroying one environment in favor of another climate solution. We should not be cutting down 7 acres of woodlands and wetlands and adversely affecting our wildlife which includes the Box turtle which is on the State species of special concern list. There are a number of other locations throughout Connecticut that would be better suited for a solar farm. Residential and woodlands should never be considered.

This is particularly true when the proposed site is uphill from wetlands and residential dwellings. The Petitioner's stormwater management proposals would significantly disrupt the above and below ground water flows to one or more of the wetlands placing the vital resource in jeopardy. At the same time, the stormwater management proposals would cause a great risk and potentially severe unintended consequences to both the ecology of the hillside and the residential dwellings that lie below the proposed infiltration basin including its overflow outlet.

In conclusion, toxic herbicides, towering electric poles, excessive lighting, megawatt converters, maintenance truck traffic, and chemical cleaning agents will cause irreparable harm to the neighborhood and to the environment.

We urge you to reject PETITION NO. 1609. And we also urge you to let the concerned residents and local officials be heard with a hearing on this PETITION.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Name: Daniel and Rosemary Carroll

Address: 21 Brookview Circle, Manchester, CT

Date: 2/26/2024