



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

Phone: (860) 827-2935 Fax: (860) 827-2950

E-Mail: siting.council@ct.gov

Web Site: portal.ct.gov/csc

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 27, 2024

Bill Davitt

william.davitt@cox.net

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 Bill Davitt:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated February 27, 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

MB/RDM/dll

c: Service List dated January 26, 2024
Council Members

From: William Davitt <william.davitt@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 10:25 AM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Cc: 'Jason Doucette' <Jason.Doucette@cga.ct.gov>
Subject: Petition 1609 Carter Street Solar Farm (Manchester)

Hello. I'm writing regarding my concerns about this project.

According to the Inquirer, the developers claim that clearing the woodlands will have “no adverse environmental effects” and that it will reduce air pollution. And they are presenting this project as a step toward Lamont’s carbon-neutral-by 2040 initiative. While the solar panels may reduce the need for burning carbon fuels from power plants, clearing the 7.8 acres of woodland will remove some of the most effective CO2 filters available—trees. It’s like robbing Peter to pay Paul. As a result, it’s unlikely that the project will reduce air pollution, as the developers claim.

Additional harm to the environment would include loss of habitat for several species of special concern in Connecticut—the eastern box turtle and the wood turtle come to mind. I have seen both of these species in that tract of land.

Why not locate these solar farms, which serve a valuable purpose, on land that is already cleared? That would minimize the one-step-forward, two-steps-backward approach proposed here.

Please consider holding a public hearing.

Thank you.

Bill Davitt