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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 28, 2024

Louisa Graver
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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 Louisa Graver:

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

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c: Service List dated January 26, 2024
Council Members

From: Louisa Graver <lgraver163@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 2:24 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: Petition 1609 Solar Farm

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection to the Solar Farm proposed for the property at 250 Carter St. in Manchester.

This project is completely inappropriate for this rural residential location. The disruption to wildlife (including the threatened Eastern Box Turtle), the destruction of habitat, increase in groundwater runoff (making an existing problem worse), proximity to a natural gas pipeline, and decrease in property values are just a few of the problems that will be incurred by the construction of this facility. Other concerns include noise pollution from the inverters, fire hazard, use of herbicides to control vegetation, and soil contamination (several abutting properties and on wells). I think your first responsibility is for the health and safety of Connecticut residents.

Alternatives for solar siting need to be explored. Open space under power lines, brownfield sites, roofs and parking lots are all viable alternatives for solar arrays. Our woodlands in Connecticut are far too valuable to be destroyed. The Manchester Land Trust has worked tirelessly to save open space. The East Coast Greenway Trail which is just a stone's throw from this proposed site was developed to increase opportunities for recreation. This investment would be made less attractive by the installation of this proposed facility.

I request that the Siting Council hold a public hearing so that the concerns of those most effected can be heard.

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