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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 26, 2024

Nicole Lemoine 299 Dennison Ridge Drive Manchester, CT 06040 <u>nmlemoine@hotmail.com</u>

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 Nicole Lemoine:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated February 24, 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,

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Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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c: Service List dated January 26, 2024 Council Members From: Nicole Lemoine <nmlemoine@hotmail.com> Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2024 5:42 PM To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov> Subject: Regarding petition 1609

Please hold a public hearing regarding this matter.

I am a resident of Manchester and live in an area adjacent to the area near Amanda Drive and Carter street where a solar panel field is being considered. I strongly object to the destruction of 7 acres of land for solar panels. There are many commercial areas already available for this kind of project. For instance, there is the mall parking lot, college campuses, and other already developed areas. Another great suggestion is the huge abandoned area behind the Parkade shopping center. None of those areas would have the same impact as here, where numerous wild animals live and there is an established ecosystem. All the efforts to "go green" seem to be in an effort to preserve green spaces and the environment. How ironic you would consider furthering that mission to create solar power by destroying the wildlife area you want to protect.

I will go to all necessary meetings and share with all necessary officials my opposition to this development plan.

You have other more practical options. Go for one of them. Leave the woods alone in our neighborhood! I am available to speak in person as well. The only reason I can't be there for this session is because this information was not well publicized and I only found out at the last minute from my neighbor who just happened to hear about it on facebook. It's easy to see why you would not want everyone most impacted to share their perspective, as you probably already imagined you would not have much support.

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