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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 16, 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 Carroll:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence concerning Petition No. 1609.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council must carefully consider all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and consider all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view the petition filing on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter. Your correspondence will be entered in the public comment file related to this petition.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Council Members

From: rdcarroll01@aol.com <rdcarroll01@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:37 AM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>; Rose Carroll <rdcarroll01@aol.com>
Subject: Pending Petition 1609 - Carter St Solar Farm

Good morning! I am a concerned resident near the proposed solar farm and have a number of questions. I am hoping you can help me. I will be providing my concerns at our local planning and zoning meeting next week.

I have the following questions that I hope you can answer for me.

- What criteria is used by the Siting Council to approve a solar farm near a residential area and a wetland/woodland area?
- If the solar farm is approved, who monitors the Solar company in regard to ongoing maintenance and issue resolution?
 - Are there procedures and response times put in place for residents and local government? Are they determined prior to installation?
 - Are there fines if the Solar company does not respond to residential and town complaints within a timely manner?
- If the farm is approved, what happens if the solar company wants to expand the number of panels?
 - Does the Siting Council have free will to approve?
 - Does it go through planning and zoning in Manchester?
 - What procedures have to be followed?
 - Are residents surrounding the solar farm notified?
- What rights do the homeowners have if there is a toxic situation or damages? For instance, wells get contaminated. There are properties near the site with well water and septic. Who pays? (the solar company, the homeowner, the owner of the leased land, local government or state government)
- If the solar company shuts down, who oversees the removal, restoration or maintenance of the farm?
 - Is a bond or trust needed prior to start of the project?
- Are there procedures and response times in place with state and local emergency response teams to handle fires or damages to the solar farm? Who pays for clean up?

It's my opinion that installing a solar farm between two residential neighborhoods is not the appropriate location. We should not be cutting down trees and

disturbing our wildlife. Trees help our environment. There are other areas that are more suited for solar farms.

Thank you,
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