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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 1, 2024

Gradeigh Purcell

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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 Gradeigh Purcell:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated March 1, 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: Gradeigh Purcell <gradeighpurcell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:24 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: In Opposition to Petition 1609

Good afternoon, I am writing today to ask the sitting council to hold a public hearing in regards to petition 1609 - a proposed solar farm on 250 Carter street Manchester, CT. I live on Blue Ridge Drive, a neighborhood that would be directly affected by this project. I, like many of my neighbors and others in town am in opposition to such a project. Destroying almost 10 acres of a small core forest that is vital to the local ecology to the area and many surrounding areas in the pursuit of green energy and environmental protection is contradictory and nearsighted. The damage and loss far outweighs any benefits.

There are also major concerns for the safety of my neighborhood and that of the others in the area. Due to the location's elevation and topography it would be near impossible to quickly and effectively put out any fires the proposed project could cause. As you've and I've seen in the news in the past few years fires caused by these solar farms is a very real and serious risk. This risk is only compounded by the presence of a major gas line that runs through the entire property.

I implore you to hold a public hearing so that the people of the potentially affected neighborhoods and the public can voice their concerns and fears, and that you seriously consider the potential hazards and long term degregation of my neighborhood and the forest that surrounds it. Thank you,

Sincerely

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