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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

March 7, 2024

The Honorable Steve Weir  
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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 State Representative Steve Weir:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence and Request for a Public Hearing, dated March 6, 2024, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

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.

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

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at <http://www.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.

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  
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Dear Executive Director Bachman and Members of the Siting Council:

I write to request a public hearing be held on the above referenced Petition and to make known my concerns with this project proposal.

I represent the residents of the 55th district, which includes part of the town of Bolton. This proposed project abuts the town of Bolton, and residents in my district are justified in their concern about a project of this scale being put in a rural, wooded, residential area. I think it is warranted to hold a public hearing on this petition to allow the residents of this area to publicly voice their concerns, and have their concerns heard.

While there is a push of late to install solar panels to assist with our energy production, I don't see the logic at all in cutting down a heavily wooded area for the installation of man-made solar panels. This will undoubtedly have an adverse effect on the natural habitat existing today. By clear-cutting an established wooded area, this project will have numerous effects upon the land, landscape, neighborhoods, wildlife and neighbors. There is good cause for concern over displaced wildlife,

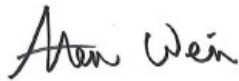
including "species of special concern", effects to well-established hiking and nature trails, stormwater runoff, among others.

This site is also located within an easement for a gas line, and close to residential neighbors. If approved, post-construction, this site will have increased traffic and noise due to ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the solar operation. Therefore, the disturbance of the neighbors and wildlife will continue long after the initial construction is completed.

For these reasons, I submit my objection to this project on this site. If the goal of installing a solar operation of this magnitude is to protect the environment, then a project like this should be installed on an already disturbed parcel, on a building rooftop, or on/ around a large tract of asphalt. It makes no sense to me why it would be permitted to disturb and destroy a naturally occurring area under the guise of producing "green energy" through manmade solar panels.

I appreciate your consideration to my comments, and I look forward to further participation in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Weir". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steve Weir  
State Representative, 55<sup>th</sup> District