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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 6, 2024

Steve Stephanou
Town Manager
Town of Manchester
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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 Steve Stephanou:

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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March 6, 2024
Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
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To Ms. Bachman and the CT Siting Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Manchester and its elected representatives, the Board of Directors, regarding **Petition No. 1609**, the proposal from TRITEC Americas, LLC for a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility at 250 Carter Street, Manchester, CT.

As you were made aware in yesterday's letter from the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission, we've received dozens of correspondences from Manchester residents expressing reasonable concerns about the proposed facility's impact on wildlife, water management, and the surrounding neighborhood's quality of life.

Manchester is in an incredibly welcoming and innovative community that values sustainability and inclusivity. Having just constructed the state's first certified Net Zero public school, with two others set to be completed over the next year, along with several other carbon reducing projects, Manchester is a state leader in helping reduce Connecticut's carbon footprint, as evidence by our Climate Leader Designation and Silver Award status given by Sustainable CT. The Town also understands the delicate balance of the siting council in weighing the need for adequate and reliable public utility services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers with the need to protect the environment and ecology of the state.

However, based on the quantity of comments received and the level of concern expressed by both residents and Town Planning staff, ***the Town of Manchester respectfully requests that the Siting Council hold its own public hearing on Petition No. 1609 before making a final decision.***

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

Steve Stephanou
Town Manager