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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 4, 2024

The Honorable Jason Doucette
State Representative
13th District
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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 Jason Doucette:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence and Request for a Public Hearing, dated March 1, 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 1, 2024

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
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New Britain, CT 06051

Re: PETITION NO. 1609 (the "Petition") – 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. (the "Project")

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 register my initial concerns regarding the proposal.

I have the honor of representing the residents of Connecticut's 13th Assembly District where the proposed Project would be located. Over the past several weeks I have received numerous calls, letters, and emails from abutters and neighbors of the subject site and have had the opportunity meet with many of my constituents regarding this proposal. I have no doubt that it will serve the public interest to hold a hearing on this matter.

Regarding the Petition itself, it is already clear to me that this Project as proposed would have a substantial adverse environmental impact which does not outweigh the public need for such a facility. Specifically, the Project would have an adverse effect on

ecological balance, public health and safety, scenic, historic and recreational values, forests and parks, wetlands, and wildlife.

The subject site is a large densely forested tract surrounded by residences and contains substantial wetlands, various species of wildlife (some which are identified as “species of special concern”), and a section of the Shenipsit Trail, a “blue-blazed” hiking trail of cultural and historic significance.

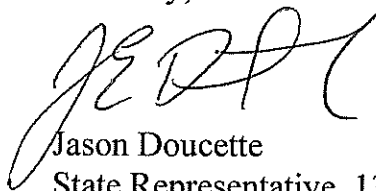
In addition, I have heard many concerns and questions about the stormwater management plan for the Project potentially having a significant negative impact on the abutting properties located on Amanda Drive.

Furthermore, because of all of the physical constraints of the site and the presence of the trail and an easement for a gas line, the proposed location of the facility is to be located immediately across the boundary line of several residential properties and likely within the zoning setbacks that would otherwise be applicable. Based on this fact alone, it follows that the site is inappropriate for this type of development and will cause a substantial disturbance to abutting residents.

For these reasons, it is clear to me that the adverse impacts clearly outweigh the benefits of this Project and that it would be inappropriate for the Council to find that this Project is environmentally compatible and is consistent with the goals and the guidelines set forth in the governing statutes. Disturbing many acres of forest, wetlands, recreational resources and wildlife habitat is counterproductive when there are many suitable alternatives to a site such as this one.

I look forward to participating further in this process and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Doucette', written in a cursive style.

Jason Doucette
State Representative, 13th District