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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

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. **Election to Not Be Grouped**

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

On April 26, I received notification from the CSC stating “the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted you Party status, and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50n(c), grouped you with Intervenors Rachel and Dana Schnabel (collectively, Grouped Resident Party and Intervenors) in Petition No. 1609.”

In accordance with that same § 16-50n(c), I hereby provide written notice to the Connecticut Siting Council that I elect not to be a member in any respect of the group with Intervenors Rachel and Dana Schnabel (collectively, Grouped Resident Party and Intervenors) in Petition No. 1609. I will therefore continue to fully represent my interests directly as a Party with respect to all aspects of Petition No. 1609.

Although I am not required to state any reasons for my election, I will provide one of my reasons as a courtesy to the Siting Council which did not have the benefit of my perspective when it approved the grouping.

My direct interest is as an abutting property owner whose property lies directly below the proposed solar facility. The Stormwater Management Report filed with Petition No. 1609 includes a plan to divert stormwater to an infiltration basin that would be located approximately 100 feet in elevation above my property. That Report also indicates that any overflow from that basin would be directed towards my property, thereby risking damage to my property.

This direct property interest is not shared by Intervenors Rachel and Dana Schnabel whose property, unlike mine, does not abut the property at 250 Carter St., Manchester, where the proposed facility would be sited.

I have other reasons for making this election; by not citing them here, I am not waiving any of my rights to cite those reasons should I need to in any proceeding of the Council or any other proceeding. Because of these reasons, I have concluded that my rights as a Party who may be aggrieved by any final decision, order or ruling of the council are best served by making the election I am making in this written notice.

I certify that I am including on the distribution of this emailed written election all the parties on the Service List shown on the Siting Council's website as of today.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray', is positioned below the closing salutation.

Raymond Welnicki

cc: cc John F. Sullivan, Attorney for Town of Manchester, Raymond Welnicki, Rachel and Dana Schnabel, Rosemary Carroll (on behalf of MARSD), Attorneys for the Petitioner: Paul R. Michaud, Bernadette Antaki, Dylan J. Gillis