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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 15, 2024

John Cox

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1611** – LSE Scutum LLC and LSE Bootes LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.93-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Town Farm Road, and Parcel Nos. 86-326 and 86-164, Abbe Road, Enfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Extension of Public Comment Deadline.**

Dear John Cox:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence and request for an extension of time to submit comments on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling, dated March 14, 2024.

The Council hereby grants the request for an extension of time for comments from any interested person to March 21, 2024.

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

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view the petition filing on our website at portal.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. Your correspondence will be entered in the public comment file related to this petition.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated February 9, 2024
Council Members

From: Alex Cox <jalexcox21@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 1:22 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: Petition No. 1611

Good afternoon Council,

My name is John Cox. The property that Petition No. 1611 refers to abuts the property my wife and I reside on. I have questions regarding the petition that I hope the Siting Council can provide some clarity on. I realize that period for public comment has closed. Given that, are there any other procedural avenues within the council's processes to voice concerns? In the event there is not another opportunity to voice my concerns, I will lay them out below.

The Operations and Maintenance Plan refers to a Spill Prevention Control Plan. The plan lists all of the parties that are to be notified in the event of a spill. The abutting property owners are not included on this list.

Section 3.3.1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment concludes that "the project will have no adverse environmental effect on groundwater quality." This conclusion neglects to mention that the surficial geology in and around the project site is fine materials over sand, or sand and gravel. These types of sediments have a high hydraulic conductivity, meaning groundwater moves through them at a high flow rate. If any material does leach into the groundwater, from pouring concrete foundations to oil leaking from vehicles, it will move through the groundwater.

I ask these questions because the water source for my wife and I's property is a shallow private well. The potential impacts of this project on my family's drinking water are significant. To keep my family safe, I will either have to upgrade my filtration system, or switch water sources to the public water supply. Either option incurs new and continued expenses for the household.

I look forward to your response. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,
John Cox M.S.



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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	02/08/2024
Public Comment Period Deadline	03/09/2024
Public Comment Period Deadline w/ Extension	03/21/2024
Deadline for Action	04/08/2024
Deadline for Decision	08/06/2024