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January 10, 2024

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

Re: CTEC Solar – 180 Liebert Road in Hartford, proposed 3.3-Megawatt AC solar project –
NMA Letter from Agency

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

Pursuant to 16-50k(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, we have reviewed the above cited project with respect to agricultural impacts, specifically, to determine whether “...such project will not materially affect the status of such land as prime farmland...”

The Petitioner is proposing to construct a 3.3-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the synthetic capped portion of the City of Hartford’s former landfill.

Based on preliminary information provided to DOAG on November 27, 2023 (enclosed), the Department of Agriculture concludes this project **will not** materially affect the status of project land as prime farmland.

Should any changes raise concerns to the Agency, we reserve the right to modify our position on this project, including opposing it, as detailed plans are provided by the Petitioner. Nothing in this letter relieves the Petitioner of other obligations under applicable federal, state, and local law that may be necessary as part of the proposed project design and implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eileen Underwood of my staff. Eileen can be reached at eileen.underwood@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Bryan P. Hurlburt
Commissioner

Enc.

Cc: Katie Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Michael Morrison, CTEC Solar

November 27, 2023

Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt
Connecticut Department of Agriculture
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 701
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: CTEC Solar, LLC's Request for No Material Impact Letter
Hartford Landfill, 180 Liebert Road, Hartford

Dear Commissioner Hurlburt:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") Section 16-50k(a), CTEC Solar, LLC ("CTEC") is seeking written confirmation from the Department of Agriculture ("Department") that the solar photovoltaic electric generating project described below will not materially affect the status of any identified prime farmland.

CTEC plans to filing a petition for a declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council, pursuant to CGS Sections 4-176 and 16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a ±3.3-megawatt (AC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection equipment (the "Project") at 180 Liebert Road, Hartford, Connecticut ("Property"). The Project will be located on the site of the former, now closed City of Hartford Landfill ("Landfill"). The Project will occupy approximately 13.75 acres, with the solar array installed on the synthetic capped portion of the Landfill and the electrical interconnection route crossing a small portion of the maintained turf area. No prime farmland is located on the Landfill proper or within the Project boundaries.

Attached is a figure depicting Prime and Statewide Important Farmland Soils within the northern portion of the Property. As shown, no portion of the Project is within that area. No impacts to Prime Farmland soils will occur. C-TEC therefore requests that the Department provide written concurrence that no material impact on Prime Farmland soils will result from development of the Project.

Should the Department have any questions regarding this request or the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.



- Legend**
- Property
 - Site
 - Approximate Parcel Boundary
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Prime Farmland Soils
 - Statewide Important Farmland Soils

Farmland Soils Map

Proposed Solar Facility
 Hartford Landfill
 180 Liebert Road
 Hartford, Connecticut

Map Notes:
 Base Map Source: 2019 Aerial Photograph (CTECO)
 Map Scale: 1 inch = 550 feet
 Map Date: November 2023

