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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Jorge Cabrera
State Senator – 17th District
Legislative Office Building
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1627** – LSE Libra 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 1.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 410 Denslow Hill Road, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Senator Cabrera:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated April 30, 2024 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision.

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

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the petition and administratively noticed in the record.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding 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.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated April 12, 2024
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April 30th, 2024

To the State of Connecticut Siting Council,

I write to you today to express my opposition to PETITION NO. 1627 – LSE Libra LLC (Lodestar Energy) at the proposed site on 410 Denslow Hill Rd. I currently serve the residents of the Town of Hamden in the Connecticut State Senate and have heard from numerous constituents expressing opposition to this petition.

Many residents in Hamden value the natural green areas that the town provides. A large industrial project will disrupt both the residents and the natural environment of Hamden. Residents will feel the impact of this proposal by the disruptions it will cause to their lives and properties. The clearing and construction of this site on Denslow Hill Road will cause traffic concerns that will unnecessarily burden the residents of Hamden. Additionally, due to the increase in noise and light coming from the machinery required for this project, many of the surrounding properties will face decreases in property value. Those who decide to stay in their properties will be forced to endure the increase in noise and light pollution from this proposal.

Residents have also expressed concern about the impact this project will have on their health and the health of the environment. The Town of Hamden has lost thousands of trees over the last six years, this proposed project will only exacerbate our town's loss of natural life by transforming a wooded area. While I appreciate the importance of solar energy and how it can lead us to more sustainable energy options, I do not believe that 410 Denslow Hill Road is best suited to accommodate this project.

Please consider the voices of the Hamden residents as you evaluate this petition. I look forward to the decision of the Siting Council and hope residents will be part of that decision. If you have any questions or would like clarification, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jorge Cabrera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

State Senator Jorge Cabrera
Representing Connecticut's 17th District