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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 25, 2024

The Honorable Jonathan Steinberg
State Representative
136th District
Legislative Office Building
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Hartford, CT 06106-1591
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1638** – LSE Sextans LLC and LSE Sextans II 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Parcel Nos. 221-3-1 and 222-4-26, Lovers Lane, Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear State Representative Jonathan Steinberg:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 24, 2024 concerning the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling. 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 <https://portal.ct.gov/csc> under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and meeting agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated August 16, 2024
Council Members

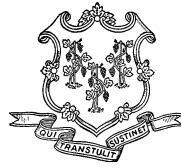
From: Rep. Steinberg, Jonathan <Jonathan.Steinberg@cga.ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 4:57 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: Letter in Support of Torrington Solar Project

Director Bachman:

Please find attached a letter of support for the Lodestar project proposed for the Lovers Lane area of Torrington. I hope you and the council members will give it due consideration.

Regards,

Jonathan Steinberg
State Representative, 136th District, CT General Assembly
Co-Chair, Energy & Technology Committee



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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 23, 2024

Dear Director and Members of the Siting Council:

As an interested party seeking to further the state's ambitious sustainability goals and the positive economic impact a vibrant solar industry we can create here, I encourage you to approve Lodestar Energy's application.

Lodestar has proposed an NRES project on Lover's Lane in Torrington. Despite some local opposition, which you know is common, there are several good reasons to approve this project:

- * NRES projects of this type support our state renewable goals, which we're struggling to achieve.
- * Lodestar is a local CT company, founded in 2013, and maintains offices in Westport and Avon.
- * Lodestar has a proven track record, having built ten projects in CT, providing energy savings to towns like Vernon, Suffield, Winchester, South Windsor, Simsbury and Hartford.
- * This project offtake includes distressed offtake, in this case Hartford. This is an important part of NRES program design which not every project can address.
- * NRES solar projects provides tax revenue for Torrington with no corresponding impact on services (i.e., schools, roads, water treatment facilities, etc.).

In summary, this project offers the state a range of benefits we've established as priorities. As challenging as it may be for the local community to fully grasp, it is in everyone's interests to see a project of this type go forward. I urge you to carefully consider its merits.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Steinberg, House Chair, Energy & Technology Committee
State Representative, 136th District
Connecticut General Assembly
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