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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

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

**Re: Petition 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 Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my clients, LSE Sextans LLC and LSE Sextans II LLC (collectively, the “Petitioner”) in connection with the above-referenced Petition. As you are aware, on January 24, 2025, the Connecticut Siting Council (the “Council”) approved Petition 1638, subject to multiple conditions. On March 5, 2026, the Council approved the Petitioner’s Phase I Development and Management Plan for the limited purposes of tree clearing, installation of stormwater controls, and implementation of wood turtle protection measures. On May 6, 2026, the Council approved the Petitioner’s request to commence with additional construction, except for the installation of solar array racking and panels.

On March 16, 2026, the Petitioner began construction consistent with the Council’s authorization thereof. Since that time, the City of Torrington has advised that 1) construction of the project access road cannot commence without a City driveway permit and attendant filing fee, and 2) overhead wires and poles necessary for the project’s interconnection are not permitted within the City of Torrington, despite the existing Eversource easement in that location.

The Petitioner writes to the Council to seek clarification regarding the scope of its approval in this proceeding. The Petitioner understands that the Council’s January 24, 2025 Decision and Order approves the project – inclusive of its interconnection – and in lieu of all other certifications, approvals and other requirements of state and municipal agencies pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50x(a). The Petitioner understands that the Council specifically approved the

project's interconnection in its January 24, 2025 Decision by incorporating Council Staff's report, which summarized the project's interconnection as follows:

The proposed electrical interconnection would run underground from the northern and southern equipment pads and continue north before turning to the east along the northern portion of the site. The underground electrical interconnection would then continue to the northeast and pass underneath the wetland (at its narrowest location) via a jack and bore process and then continue underground to reach a 30-foot by 26-foot interconnection equipment pad. It would contain facility associated equipment including, but not limited to, switchgear, and load break, and circuit breakers.

From the interconnection equipment pad, the electrical interconnection would split into two parallel underground lines and continue to the north to reach a pair of 30 to 40 foot tall utility-owned riser poles to convert to overhead. The two parallel feeders would continue overhead via four additional 30 to 40 foot tall poles (two each – one utility-owned recloser pole and one utility-owned primary meter pole) to connect to an existing 13.8-kV overhead electrical distribution circuit along Lovers Lane that connects to the existing 1B Franklin Drive Substation. A 900-foot long 3-phase underground extension would be required to facilitate connection with this circuit. This extension would be owned by Eversource.<sup>1</sup>

The Petitioner respectfully requests that the Council confirm that the project's interconnection design has already been reviewed and approved by the Council, and such approval operates in lieu of any other municipal approvals which are not required. Moreover, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Council confirm that overhead poles and wires are expressly contemplated in this approved design, and are permitted.

Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me or Lee Hoffman of this office at your convenience.

Best,



Kathryn E. Boucher

cc: Petition 1638 Service List

cc: Joe Debs, Eversource Energy, via email [joseph.debs@eversource.com](mailto:joseph.debs@eversource.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Docket 1638, Decision and Order, Staff Report at 5-6, available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/3\\_petitions-medialibrary/petitions\\_medialibrary/mediapetitionnos1601-1700/pe1638/decision\\_staffreport/pe1638\\_dcltr\\_a.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/3_petitions-medialibrary/petitions_medialibrary/mediapetitionnos1601-1700/pe1638/decision_staffreport/pe1638_dcltr_a.pdf).