



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 25, 2024

Judith C. Rondeau
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Thompson Conservation Commission
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1643** – C-Tec Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.95-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 77 Pompeo Road, Thompson, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Judith Rondeau:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Thompson Conservation Commission's correspondence dated October 24, 2024, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

At a public meeting held on October 24, 2024, the Council voted to hold a public hearing on this matter. A schedule for the public hearing will be developed and publicly noticed in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-177(b).

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40, a copy of the petition is to be submitted to the municipality where the facility is to be located for review. Before reaching a final decision on a 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 speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and meeting agenda.

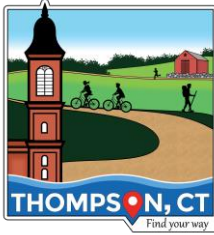
Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated September 30, 2024
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October 24, 2024

RE: **PETITION NO. 1643** – C-Tec Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.95-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 77 Pompeo Road, Thompson, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Bachman,

The Thompson Conservation Commission offers the following comment regarding Petition 1643.

On April 17, 1990, the Town of Thompson adopted a Scenic Road ordinance (No. 10-042) pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-149a of the Connecticut General Statutes (P.A. 81-401), as amended. The ordinance defines roads eligible for scenic road designation as “those Town roads which are free of intensive commercial development and intensive vehicular traffic, and which meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A. It is unpaved;
- B. It is bordered by mature trees or stone walls;
- C. The travel portion is no more than 20 feet in width;
- D. It offers scenic views;
- E. It blends naturally into the surrounding terrain; or
- F. It parallels or crosses over brooks, streams, lakes, or ponds.”

The ordinance further authorizes the Planning and Zoning Commission to designate Town highways or portions of highways as scenic roads.

On May 23, 2023, the Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission voted to designate Pompeo Road a scenic road, following a public hearing to consider application PZC 23-14 to request designation of Pompeo Road as a Scenic Road according to Town of Thompson Ordinance No 10-042, the Designation of Scenic Roads.

It is the opinion of the Thompson Conservation Commission that this petition is inconsistent with both the intent and definition of a scenic road as stated in Thompson’s Scenic Road Ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of the Conservation Commission’s comments.

Sincerely,

Judith C. Rondeau
Chair, Thompson Conservation Commission