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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

December 18, 2024

The Honorable Amy St. Onge  
First Selectperson  
Town of Thompson  
Town Office Building  
815 Riverside Drive  
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255  
[firstselectman@thompsonct.org](mailto:firstselectman@thompsonct.org)

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 First Selectperson St. Onge:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Thompson's December 17, 2024 correspondence concerning the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling (petition). Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

At a public meeting held on November 7, 2024, the Council voted to hold a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on January 16, 2025 for the benefit of the public. Please note that the public hearing schedule extends the public comment period for this petition to 30 days following the date that the public hearing(s) conclude(s). A copy of the schedule is attached for convenience.

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 carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding and all of the concerns received from members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

In the event that the Town of Thompson does not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under CGS §16-50n(f).

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 <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 dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated September 30, 2024  
Council Members

Enclosure: Schedule, dated December 17, 2024



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**REVISED SCHEDULE**

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Petition received	09/30/2024
<b>Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing</b>	<b>10/24/2024</b>
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing (11:00 a.m.)	12/04/2024
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set One Issued</li><li>• Set One Responses due</li></ul>	12/17/2024 01/02/2025
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	01/02/2025
Deadline for State Agency Comments	01/09/2025
Deadline for Municipal Comments	01/09/2025
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	01/09/2025
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/09/2025
<b>Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing</b> <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Petition No. 1643 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	01/16/2025
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	TBD
Deadline for Party and Intervenor Post Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	TBD
Close of Public Comment Period	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD
<b>Deadline for Final Decision</b>	<b>03/29/2025</b>

**From:** First Selectman <firstselectman@thompsonct.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 9:36 AM  
**To:** Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>  
**Cc:** LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 1643 C-Tec Solar, LLC

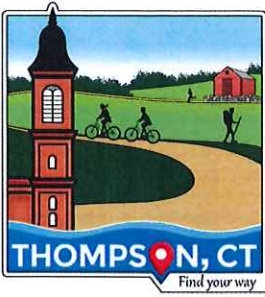
Good Afternoon Ms. Bachman,

I understand that the public comment period is over regarding Petition No. 1643 going before the CT Siting Council. The Thompson Board of Selectmen would like to weigh in on the project. I would greatly appreciate, if you could add share the attached letter with the Council.

Best regards,  
Amy

*Amy St. Onge*  
First Selectman  
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December 17, 2024

Connecticut Siting Council  
c/o Melanie Bachman, Executive Director  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1643-C-Tec Solar, LLC

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Thompson Board of Selectmen believes strongly in the rights of all citizens to develop their properties, within the constraints of State and local regulations. We would never seek to deny such rights. We do, however, respectfully ask that the Siting Council show thoughtful consideration of the impact this proposed solar development will have on direct abutters to the project. In particular, Ms. Stasia Menard of 35 Pompeo Road and Paul and Kathy Gilbert of 78 Pompeo Road are direct abutters who have expressed specific concerns about unintended negative impacts to their properties. Specifically, we request that the Council consider increasing the setback from the road of the solar farm as far as possible. Additionally, we request the Council require the applicant to apply an expanded buffer zone between the proposed solar farm, the road frontage and the direct abutters. This request mirrors comments submitted by Jordan DiDomenico, Environmental Analyst 1 for CT DEEP in correspondence dated 30 October 2024. As has been noted in correspondence submitted on behalf of the neighborhood residents, Pompeo Road recently received a "Scenic" designation. It would be unfortunate if this otherwise worthy project disrupted the scenic nature of the road, engendering ill will from the neighbors.

Sincerely,

Amy St. Onge

First Selectman

Susanne Witkowski

Selectman

Kenneth Beausoleil

Selectman