

**Exhibit K**  
**Prime Farmland**  
**Determination**



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

Re: ECOS Energy – 121 West Pond Road in the Town of North Branford, Connecticut, proposed 2-Megawatt AC and 700-Kilowatt solar projects – No Material Affect Letter from the Department of Agriculture

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

Pursuant to 16-50k(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, we have reviewed the above cited project with respect to agricultural impacts, specifically, to determine whether "...such project will not materially affect the status of such land as prime farmland..."

This project will be located on West Pond Road in North Branford, on land owned by PLH Vineyard Sky LLC. The entire 17.65-acre parcel does not contain any prime farmland soils. The proposed 2 MW and 700 KW solar facilities would occupy approximately 5.98 and 1.99 acres, respectively, of which most are classified as soils of statewide importance and none are classified as prime farmland soils.

Based on preliminary information provided to the Agency (enclosed), the Department of Agriculture concludes this project **will not** materially affect the status of project land as prime farmland.

Should any project changes raise concerns to the Agency, we reserve the right to modify our position on this project, including opposing it, as detailed plans are provided by the Petitioner. Nothing in this letter relieves the Petitioner of other obligations under applicable federal, state, and local law that may be necessary as part of the proposed project design and implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eileen Underwood of my staff. Eileen can be reached at [eileen.underwood@ct.gov](mailto:eileen.underwood@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

Bryan P. Hurlburt  
Commissioner

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Cc: Katie Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
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