

April 17, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

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Re: Petition 1686 – Greenskies Clean Energy LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 54 South Street, Morris, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Greenskies Clean Energy LLC (“Greenskies,” “GCE,” or the “Petitioner”), in connection with the above-referenced Petition. On February 5, 2026, the Connecticut Siting Council (the “Council”) issued a declaratory ruling approving the Petition, subject to a variety of conditions. The Petitioner respectfully requests that Council staff review the submittals enclosed with this letter and approve its pre-construction conditions as described below.

Pursuant to Condition #5, in **Exhibit A**, the Petitioner provides final project site plans. Pursuant to Condition #3, in **Exhibit B**, Greenskies provides the final structural design for the racking system stamped by a Connecticut professional engineer. Pursuant to Condition #13, in **Exhibit C**, the Petitioner provides Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test results for the selected solar panels. Finally, pursuant to Condition #11, in **Exhibit D**, Greenskies provides its final Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan.

Condition #15 directs Greenskies to submit a status update on any concerns expressed during the rescheduled community meeting prior to the commencement of construction. The Petitioner had attempted to reschedule the community meeting in early March, when it became apparent that such a meeting would not be productive.¹ On March 27, 2026, Greenskies indicated that it would solicit

¹ Similar to other recent open houses on solar projects, the Greenskies Team declined to participate given safety concerns. See, e.g., Docket 492A, Evidentiary Hearing Transcript at Page 15 (January 1, 2026). Since that time, Greenskies has addressed questions in written responses.

additional comments from project abutters. To date, the Petitioner has received comments as follows:

1. **Setbacks:** Residents raised concerns regarding increasing project setbacks. GCE explained that the project layout incorporates reasonable setbacks consistent with applicable requirements that balance the need for project capacity with appropriate distance from property boundaries.
2. Residents also requested layered vegetative buffer zones. GCE continues to evaluate and refine targeted screening measures, particularly in areas closest to residences. A draft of the screening plan was sent to project abutters via certified mail on April 13th, and GCE has requested specific feedback on locations where screening would be most beneficial. The final project design will include vegetative screening measures to minimize visibility of the solar array, and the Petitioner will provide its final landscaping/screening plan to the Council in accordance with Condition #7.
3. **Stormwater Protection:** Residents asked questions about stormwater controls. Greenskies will continue to work with a third party professional engineer to create a safe, reliable and compliant engineered stormwater plan that will satisfy all requirements of the DEEP General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Construction Activities.
4. **Project Monitoring:** Greenskies committed to employing a third party engineer who will conduct site visits throughout construction to ensure compliance and communicate those results directly to the State. Once operational, regular monitoring and preventative maintenance will make sure that project stays in good working order. Greenskies will also complete a post construction noise survey consistent with Condition #14.
5. **Well Protection:** Given the low likelihood of any groundwater contamination as a result of the project, Greenskies will nevertheless review any site-specific concerns raised by abutters or DEEP.
6. **Wildlife surveys:** Residents asked about the presence of rare, threatened or endangered species on the site, and what practices would be implemented to mitigate any harm to wildlife as a result of the project. Greenskies noted that the required environmental reviews have already been completed through the DEEP NDDDB process. Best management practices will be implemented during the project's construction to ensure that there is no negative impact to any sensitive wildlife on the site.
7. **Fire Safety Plan:** Greenskies will ensure that the project complies with all applicable fire codes. We also look forward to working with the Town of Morris and local first responders to provide training, finalize emergency response plans, and discuss options to support fire risk mitigation.
8. **Agricultural land protection:** Residents raised concerns about solar development and continued opportunities for agriculture. As part of the development of the site, Greenskies worked with a third party soil scientist to develop an Agricultural co-use plan tailored to both the project and the expectations of the CT Department of Agriculture. This report and plan are available as part of the Siting Council record. The proposed plan will protect the soils long term, prevent loss of topsoil, prevent soil compaction, and support future agricultural use of the site.

9. Traffic: Greenskies has heard concerns regarding potential impacts of project-related traffic. To manage traffic during project construction, the Petitioner intends to manage vehicle routing, dust control, and will monitor roadway conditions.
10. Property values: Residents raised concerns regarding perceived negative impacts on their property values. Greenskies designs and builds its projects, including this one, to minimize negative impacts on the local community and project neighbors. Importantly, a facility's impact on property values is neither an enumerated nor an unenumerated "significant adverse effect" under the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act.
11. Decommissioning: Greenskies has committed to decommissioning the project within six months of the lease termination.
12. Drinking water: Residents expressed concerns about drinking water to GCE. GCE explained that the site is not located within a regulated public drinking water supply area. Stormwater is addressed through engineered basins designed to ensure that post-construction runoff does not exceed existing conditions, in accordance with DEEP stormwater regulations. GCE explained that this project is not located within a mapped public water supply reservoir or wellhead protection area. In addition, the site design includes engineered stormwater controls that capture and treat runoff, ensuring that both during and post-construction drainage does not exceed existing conditions and prevents erosion, sedimentation, or any otherwise impacted water from leaving the site.

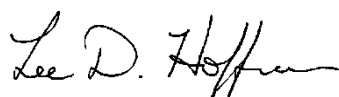
The Petitioner has indicated it will continue to address comments and questions received in writing through April 27, 2026, and will update the Council on these additional comments in a subsequent filing.

In conformance with Council regulations, the Petitioner notifies the Council that it intends to commence pre-construction site mobilization activities on or about May 1, 2026. Greenskies has submitted its Stormwater General Permit Application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP"), and understands there is a significant backlog due to recently implemented software changes at DEEP. The Petitioner will not commence land disturbance activities until it receives its Stormwater Permit and submits the same to the Council pursuant to Condition #2. However, the Petitioner is seeking approval from the Council to commence activities that do not involve land disturbance prior to its receipt of the Stormwater Permit.

Electronic copies of this filing and related exhibits are available for download at the following link: <https://pullcom.sharefile.com/d-s00eb13d034fb48edb1539f5c0191728a>.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Petition 1686 Service List