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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 18, 2025

TO: Service List, dated December 8, 2025

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director MAB

RE: **PETITION NO. 1699** – SMS CT MG02A, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.93-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at Guilford High School, 605 New England Road, Guilford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Comments have been received from the Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality on December 18, 2025. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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Dear Attorney Bachman,

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) offers the following comment regarding Petition 1699.

At the Council's meeting on December 17, 2025, a few citizens expressed their concerns regarding the proposed facility and the potential impacts it could have on noise and public safety. The Petitioner states that "with implementation of the barrier design presented in this report", the proposed facility "will comply with the most stringent requirements of the state sound regulations at all surrounding properties." However, it is unclear if the noise analysis included an assessment of the noise generated by the proposed facility in combination with existing "background" noise emitters at the proposed site. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 22a-69-3.6 states that "a source shall be considered to cause excessive noise if the noise emitted by such source exceeds the background noise level by 5 dBA." Consequently, the Council recommends that the Petitioner confirm if the noise generated by the proposed facility, in combination with existing noise emitters at the proposed site, will comply with the applicable standards. The Council also recommends that, if approved, a post-construction operational noise study be undertaken to confirm compliance with state standards.

The Council's comment above addresses only certain elements of the materials provided by the Petitioner at the time of the filing. Additional information can become evident through comments offered by other parties and during the Siting Council's administrative hearing process. The absence of comment(s) by this Council about any Petition or Application, or any aspects thereof, may not be interpreted as an endorsement of a proposed project, or its components or that this Council might not have comments or concerns on more specific issues raised during the hearing process.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's comment.

Sincerely,

Paul Aresta

Paul Aresta, Executive Director