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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 16, 2025

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1701** – Shepaug LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located adjacent to FirstLight Power, Inc.'s Shepaug Generating Station, 2225 River Road, Southbury, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Acknowledgement of Complete Petition.**

Dear Attorney Henebry and Attorney McDermott:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence of December 16, 2025 submitted in response to the Council's December 12, 2025 notification of an incomplete petition for a declaratory ruling with regard to the above-referenced matter.

The submission renders the petition for a declaratory ruling complete and the Council will process the petition for a declaratory ruling in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-40.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated December 10, 2025

Enclosure: Revised Schedule, dated December 16, 2025



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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	12/10/2025
Council request for more information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-39a	12/12/2025
Date Petitioner submitted complete information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50 j-39a	12/16/2025
Public Comment Period Deadline	01/09/2026
Deadline for State Agency Comments	01/09/2026
Deadline for Municipal Comments	01/09/2026
Deadline for Action	02/08/2026
Deadline for Final Decision	06/08/2026

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Good afternoon, Attorney Bachman –

In response to your correspondence dated December 12, 2025, attached please find proof of service of notice regarding the above-referenced Petition to the Office of Consumer Counsel, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Department of Administrative Services and Department of Labor. A hard copy of the attached will be delivered to the Siting Council via Certified Mail.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Janie McDermott

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December 1, 2025

Dear Stakeholder:

Subject: Shepaug Solar Project

Shepaug LLC, a co-development of FirstLight Generation LLC (“FirstLight”) and Davis Hill Development LLC (DHD), is writing to inform and provide you with notice of an upcoming submission to the Connecticut Siting Council (“CSC”) of our proposed 1.99 megawatt Solar Project (“Shepaug Solar Project”) located adjacent to FirstLight’s Shepaug Hydroelectric Generation Station at 2225 River Road in Southbury CT.

About the Project

The Shepaug Solar Project will increase FirstLight’s ability to provide more renewable energy to the State of Connecticut and its residents through Eversource’s Shared Clean Energy Facility (“SCEF”) program. The Shepaug Solar Project will be located northeast of the existing Shepaug Hydroelectric Generation Station and west of Eversource’s transmission lines, which cross FirstLight’s property. The Shepaug Solar Project will not be visible from the existing Bald Eagle Observatory at the Shepaug Station, or the reservoirs of Lake Zoar or Lake Lillinonah. This Project and others like it are critical to meeting Connecticut’s goal of a 100% zero-carbon electric supply by 2040.

The Shepaug Solar Project will connect into the local electrical distribution grid using a combination of existing infrastructure and new wires. The Shepaug Solar Project will cover an area of 11.78 acres and consist of 3,770 solar panels, 15 inverters, a pad-transformer and switchgear. The entire site will be enclosed by a security fence with access through the existing entrance road to the Shepaug Hydrogeneration Station.

FirstLight will ensure that construction occurs outside the Bald Eagle’s winter migratory season, and has connected with Connecticut DEEP to confirm the Shepaug Solar Project will not impact nesting in the area. Agrivoltaics features are also incorporated in the project design, including establishing a native pollinator meadow below the solar panels and adding a honeybee apiary to the property to support local biodiversity, improve long-term soil health, and enhance existing pollinator meadows at the site.



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Project Timeline

We anticipate that the petition for the Shepaug Solar Project will be filed with the CSC in the near future, with an anticipated approval in Spring 2026. Pending receipt of all necessary approvals and equipment procurement, our goal is to begin preliminary site work in Spring/Summer of 2026, with construction finishing during the Fall of 2026.

Contact Information

FirstLight and DHD are committed to being good neighbors and answering any questions or addressing concerns you may have. For more information, please contact:

Sandra Brown
FirstLight Power
Sandra.Brown@firstlight.energy
(404) 695-0555

Tory Hanna
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(413) 522-7460

If you would like to submit comments regarding our petition to the CSC, please email them to siting.council@ct.gov, or send a letter to the following address: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051.


Sincerely,

Sandra Brown

Director, Project Development
FirstLight

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on the 4th and 15th day of December, 2025, a copy of the foregoing letter was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the entities listed below.



Sandra Brown

12/15/2025

Date

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