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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 24, 2019

The Honorable Catherine Iino
First Selectman
Town of Killingworth
Town Office Building
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419-1298

RE: **PETITION NO. 1354** – Chatfield Solar Fund, 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 1.98-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 25 acres located generally south of Route 80 (North Branford Road) and east of Chestnut Hill Road in Killingworth, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Green Hill Substation located at 775 Green Hill Road, Madison, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Iino:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your additional correspondence dated April 23, 2019 concerning the above-referenced Petition No. 1354. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Before reaching a final decision on the petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record. The record is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

The Council developed a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an opportunity to participate. This schedule included a public hearing on February 21, 2019 in Killingworth for the convenience of the public. The Council continued the evidentiary hearing in New Britain on March 26, 2019, to allow parties and intervenors in this proceeding further opportunity to submit exhibits and cross examine the petitioner.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Council Members



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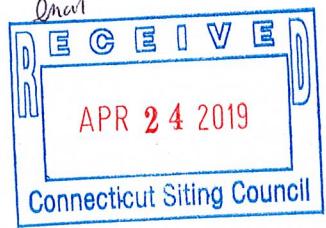


TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Catherine Iino, *First Selectwoman*

23 April 2019

Mr. Robert Stein
Chairman
The Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051



RE: Petition #1354, Chatfield Solar

Dear Chairman Stein:

I would like to add a comment to the record regarding Chatfield Solar, LL.C.'s petition for a declaratory ruling allowing it to proceed with development of a solar farm in Killingworth.

I have stressed the importance of Killingworth's natural resources, particularly its water, and the necessity of environmental protections in the project. I would like to add that this concern extends to the long term. Early in the review process, I understood that a substantial bond would be required to ensure the proper decommissioning of the installation when the time comes. Recently, I learned that this might not be the case.

If the Siting Council rules that this project may go forward, please include provisions to ensure that the site will not be abandoned once the photovoltaic panels are no longer economically viable. I don't know what means you have to ensure that installations such as the one proposed will not become a liability to the town, but Killingworth should not be left with the burden of cleaning up an abandoned site.

Sincerely,

Catherine Iino