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September 22, 2017

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1178** – Fusion Solar Center, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a ground-mounted 20 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on Potash Hill Road, Sprague, Connecticut. **D&M Plan Revision.**

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your request dated September 21, 2017 to revise the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the above-referenced project. In response to your September 21, 2017 request, pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-62(b), Council staff hereby approves the D&M Plan revision for the additional material laydown and staging area on the southeasterly portion of the project site with the condition that the protective measures and restoration plans for the laydown area are implemented as specified. Council staff acknowledges the use of an existing parking lot at the former Fusion Paperboard site for construction parking.

The additional laydown and staging area is necessary for the staging of pallet-mounted solar panels and related materials. The additional (off-site) parking is necessary to reduce traffic impacts associated with project laborers entering and exiting the site. A shuttle service will bring construction personnel to and from the site from the off-site parking area.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan revision received on September 21, 2017. Any significant changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

MB/MP

c: Council Members

The Honorable Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman, Town of Sprague  
Joseph Smith, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Sprague



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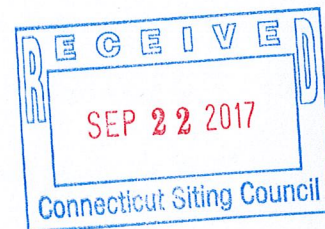
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September 21, 2017

*Via Electronic and U.S. Mail*

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Connecticut Siting Council  
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Re: **Petition No. 1178 – Fusion Solar Center, LLC, Potash Road, Sprague, Connecticut  
Notice of Temporary Material Staging and Laborer Parking Modifications**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

This letter will confirm your recent conversation with Lance Weinkamer, Director of Project Management for DEPCOM Power Inc. (“DEPCOM”), regarding the need for additional material laydown and staging areas at the Fusion Solar Center project site in Sprague, Connecticut.

As construction activity on the Fusion Solar project site progresses, DEPCOM determined that additional material laydown and staging areas would be needed at the project site. To address this need, DEPCOM has come to an agreement with Allan Rainville, the underlying property owner, to utilize a portion of the hay field in the southeasterly portion of the project site for the staging of pallet-mounted solar panels and related materials. DEPCOM anticipates that the use of a portion of the hay field will be temporary (approximately eight (8) weeks).

In an effort to minimize the impact this activity will have on the environment, All-Points Technology Corporation (APT), has developed a series of recommendations for the use and ultimately the restoration of this area. Those recommendations are acceptable to DEPCOM and presented in the attached memorandum from Matt Gustafson.

In addition, to help reduce the traffic impacts associated with project laborers entering and exiting the site, DEPCOM has come to an agreement with the Town of Sprague to use a

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portion of the existing parking lot at the former Fusion Paperboard site, now owned by the Town of Sprague, off Inland Road in Sprague, Connecticut, approximately 2 miles south of the Fusion Solar project site. For the next approximately eight (8) weeks, laborers working on the Fusion Solar Facility project will park at the Fusion Paperboard site and use a shuttle service to and from the Fusion Solar project site. DEPCOM anticipates the need for three (3) shuttle runs in the morning between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. and three (3) shuttle runs at the end of the day, between the hours of 6:20 p.m. and 6:40 p.m.

DEPCOM anticipates that it will commence its use of the hay field for temporary material laydown and staging and the temporary off-site parking area for site laborers immediately. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice please do not hesitate to contact me or Lance Weinkamer directly.

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Baldwin

KCB/kmd

Attachment

Copy to:

Lance Weinkamer, DEPCOM Power, Inc. (*via electronic mail*)

Will Porter, DEPCOM Power, Inc. (*via electronic mail*)

Cathy Osten, Town of Sprague First Selectwoman (*via electronic and U.S. Mail*)

Potash Hill Road Neighborhood Group (*via electronic mail*)

Tim Bates (*via U.S. Mail*)



**September 20, 2017**

**DEPCOM Power, Inc.  
9200 E Pima Center Pkwy Suite 180  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258**

**APT Project No.: CT511100**

**Attn: Lance Weinkamer**

**Re: Additional Laydown Yard  
Fusion Solar Center  
Potash Hill Road  
Sprague, Connecticut**

Dear Mr. Weinkamer,

All-Points Technology Corp., P.C. ("APT") understands that DEPCOM Power, Inc. ("DEPCOM") is proposing the use of an additional laydown yard outside the originally proposed limits-of-disturbance ("LOD") within an adjacent hayfield (the "new Project area") in the southeastern portion of the subject property. The following memorandum discusses the proposed location of the laydown yard, the protection measures recommended for implementation during use, and the recommended post-construction restoration of the laydown yard.

The proposed additional laydown yard is to be located within an existing hayfield directly adjacent to the current LOD within the southeast corner of the existing Fusion Solar Project area. The additional laydown yard map is enclosed. The proposed Project would consist of approximately 170 ft. by 470 ft. (79,900 square feet) area of temporary impact. The new Project area will utilize the existing hayfield surface without any prior surface treatment including no grading or removal of vegetation; the hayfield will be mowed. The new Project area will be used as a laydown yard to store various materials, primarily consisting of solar panels. Construction vehicle traffic within the new Project area will be minimized where possible and will consist of only track mounted vehicles instructed to minimize turning where feasible to reduce ground disturbance. The new Project area would be utilized for the remainder of the construction period (anticipated to be completed sometime November 2017).

During construction, the following protection measures are recommended. Installation, maintenance and monitoring of these controls will be the responsibility of the site contractor.

1. The existing perimeter controls will be extended to fully circumvent the new Project area consisting of straw wattles/haybales backed by silt fencing. These perimeter controls will serve the same function as the existing perimeter controls to control storm water generated by the area, and prevent the migration of herpetofauna into this new work zone.

2. Installation of perimeter controls shall occur prior to the use of this area as a storage yard.
3. Areas that will remain disturbed but inactive for more than thirty days shall receive temporary seeding or soil protection within seven days in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.
4. The new Project area will be included as part of the Wood Turtle and Wetland Protection Program including periodic compliance inspections by the Project Environmental Monitor.
5. No petroleum and/or hazardous materials will be stored within the new Project area. Refueling will also be prohibited from this area.
6. The use of the new Project area will occur within the non-breeding season for Bobolink (September to April) and therefore no effect to Bobolink would occur. All proposed restoration work will be completed prior to the start of the Bobolink breeding season (May 2018).

Post construction, the following measures are recommended to restore any impacted areas within the new Project area. Proposed restoration activities shall occur within thirty days of the new Project area being inactive.

1. All perimeter controls will remain and be maintained until the Project area is fully and permanently stabilized and restored.
2. Any rutting or minor soil modifications will be regraded to pre-construction condition.
3. All disturbed areas shall be seeded with a contractor's seed mix approved by the property owner for use in the hayfield. The seeded/disturbed soils will be protected with either a bonded fiber matrix, jute matting, mulching, or similar surface protection approved by the property owner.
4. All temporary erosion and sedimentation controls will be removed no later than 30 days after the complete restoration and permanent stabilization of the new Project area.

If these protection measures are adhered to during construction, and the new Project area is restored in accordance with the above-referenced recommendations, we do not anticipate any significant adverse impact to the hayfield, nearby wetland resources or associated rare species.

If you have any questions regarding the above-referenced information, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (860) 663-1697 ext. 202 or via email at [mgustafson@allpointstech.com](mailto:mgustafson@allpointstech.com).

Sincerely,

All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C.

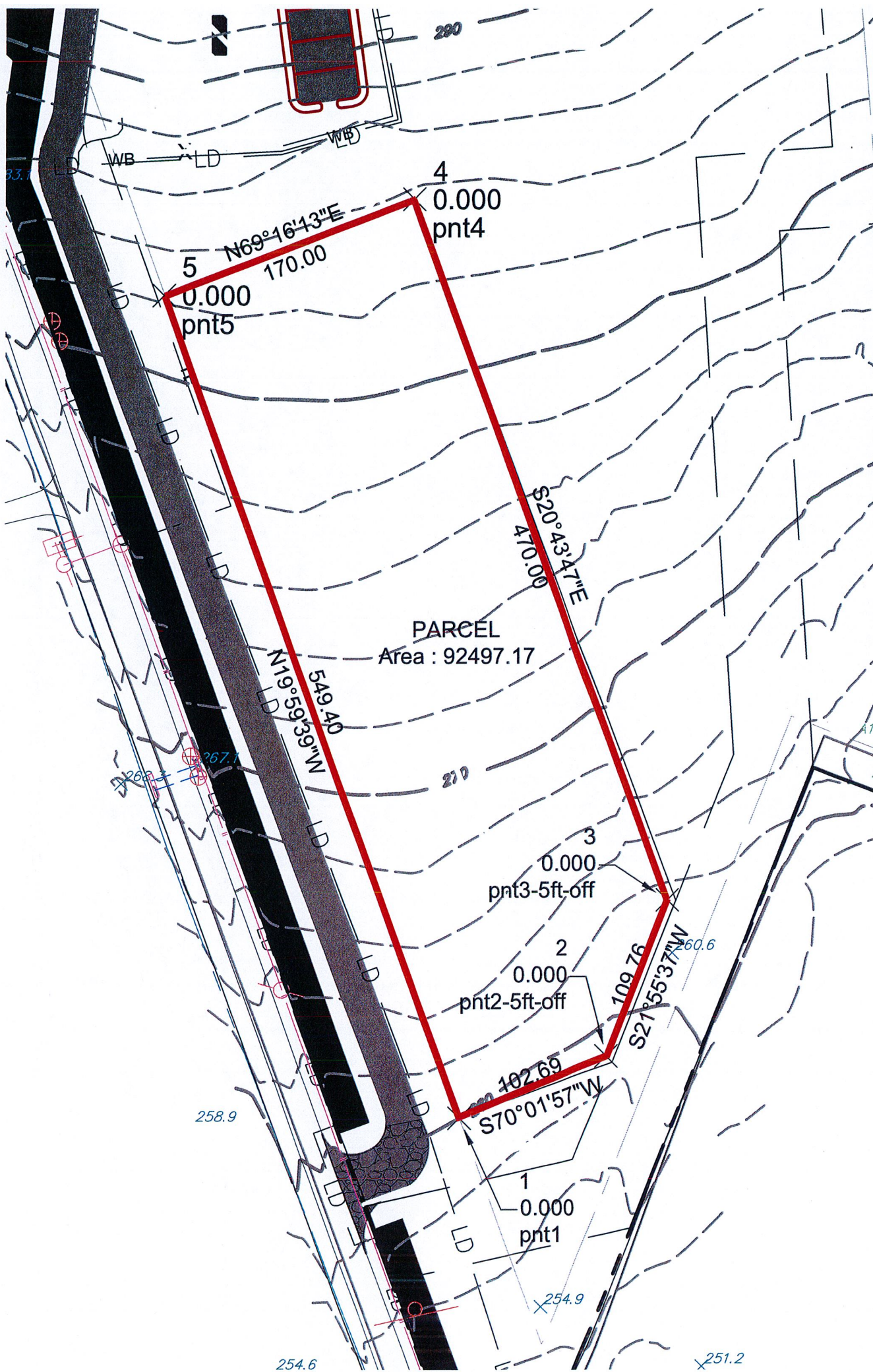


Matthew Gustafson  
Senior Wetland Scientist

Enclosure

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# Additional Laydown Yard Map



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