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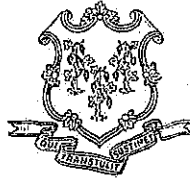
FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1215** – Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.6 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 21 Mount Parnassus Road, a/k/a Route 434, East Haddam, Connecticut.

Comments have been received from State Representative Melissa Ziobron, on February 29, 2016. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

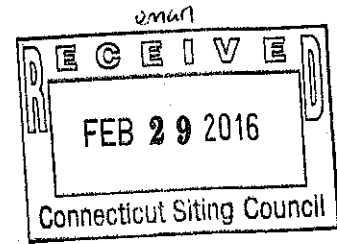
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Greetings:

I am writing in support of the Petition of Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies, Inc. for a declaratory ruling that no certificate or environmental compatibility is required for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 1.6MW AC solar photovoltaic facility in the Town of East Haddam.

Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies Inc., is a small family owned business with prominent ties to East Haddam. Their proposed operation would have a positive impact on the town with little detrimental effect on the environment. In fact, the project is designed as environmentally compatible and will produce the maximum amount of energy while avoiding adverse environmental impacts since it will be situated under pre-existing power lines.

East Haddam will also benefit through this project by utilizing land which is currently unused. This development will produce income for landowners and allow Shagbark Lumber to maintain itself as a vital part of the community and provide local option power generation for environmentally conscience consumer. Moreover, the project will lead to a reduction in gas emissions and other pollutants.

I am confident that the proposed project by Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies, Inc. will be a great benefit to the Town of East Haddam, the environment and other small businesses in Connecticut and ask for the Siting Council to approve the petition.

Sincerely,

Melissa Ziobron
State Representative
34th District