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July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition NO. 1220 - Site Clearing (Initial Development & Management Plan)

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Dear Melanie:

I'm writing to request that the Connecticut Siting Council reviews the initial phase of the projects Development and Management Plan for site clearing activities. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 the Connecticut siting council approved Photovoltaic Electrical generation facilities located on two sites located at 1219 and 1240 Voluntown Road, Griswold, Connecticut. The attached clearing plan illustrates all trees and brush to be removed from the site in preparation of full development of the solar facility. The projects proposed fence line of the facilities will remain consistent with the approvals previously granted. The clearing limits illustrated in the attached plan represent the development footprint required for a final site design consistent with the 2002 CT guidelines for Erosion and Sediment control and the 2004 Connecticut Stormwater Quality manual. The projects final grading and erosion control plan and associated SWPCP is currently under design will be submitted to CT-DEEP for the projects Stormwater Construction permit on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Per the requirements of the Stormwater Construction permit no grading, or grubbing of the site will occur until DEEP approval of the SWPCP. The initial request for clearing activities only will allow for easier site access for final design elements such as survey and soil investigation and will also allow for some site activities to occur while the projects SWPCP design review is ongoing. Also attached with this submission are updated Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) review letters from CT-DEEP. These letters supersede previously expired NDDB letters for the parcels. The updated letters illustrate that there are still no negative impacts anticipated from our proposed activities.

Windham Solar LLC, is requesting that the Connecticut Siting Council reviews the attached documents at the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting to approve the request for tree and brush clearing of the proposed facility.

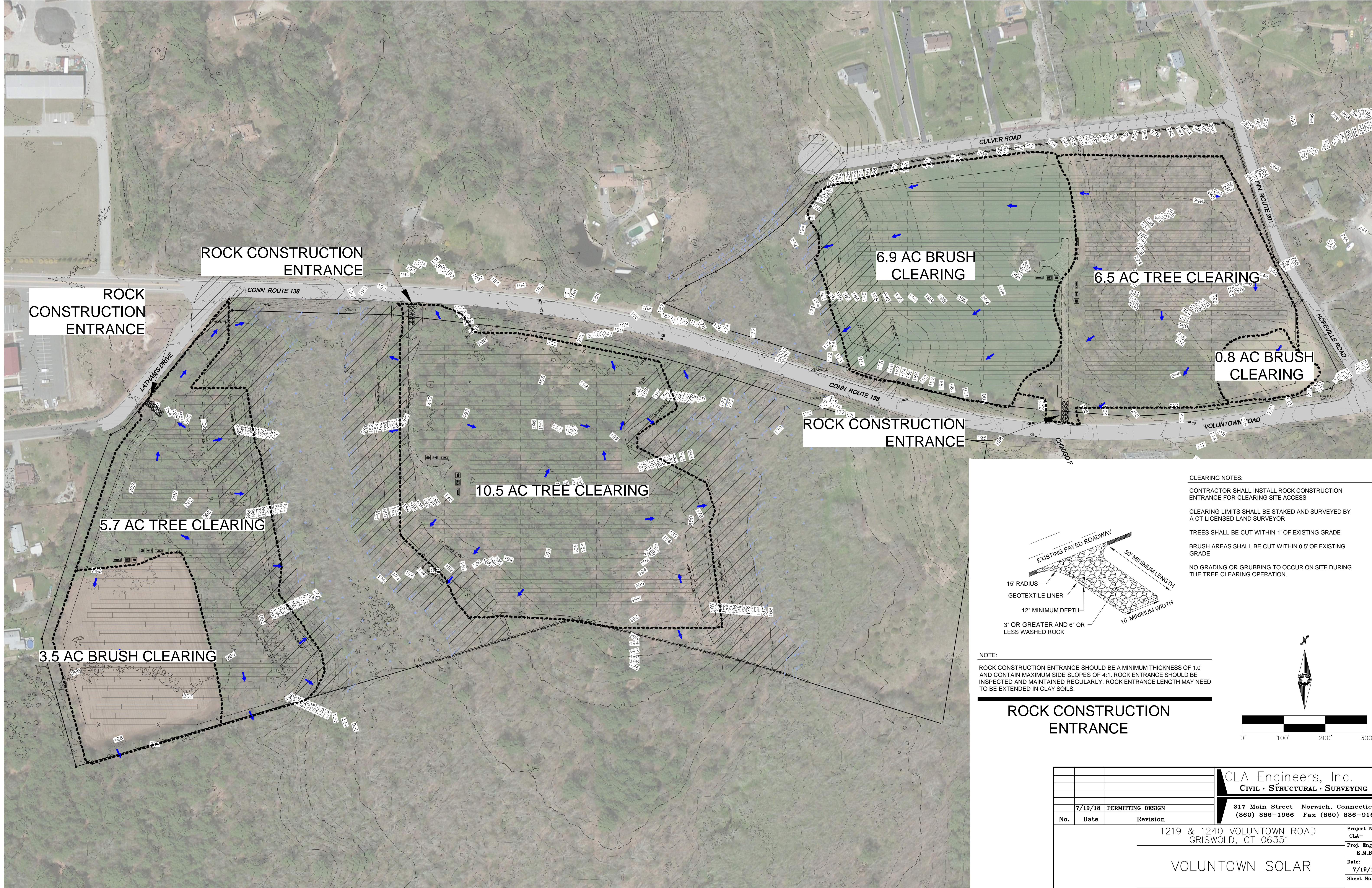
Thank you,

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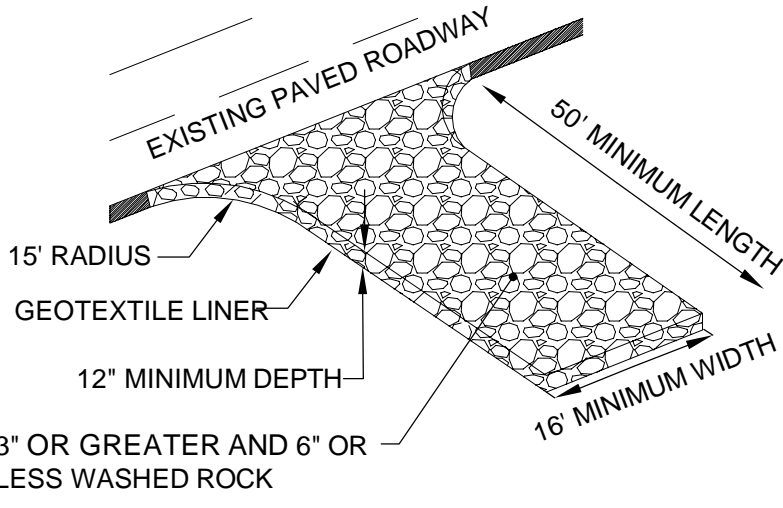
Steve Broyer

CC: Mario Tristany Jr, Griswold Town Planner  
Todd Babbitt, Griswold First Selectman



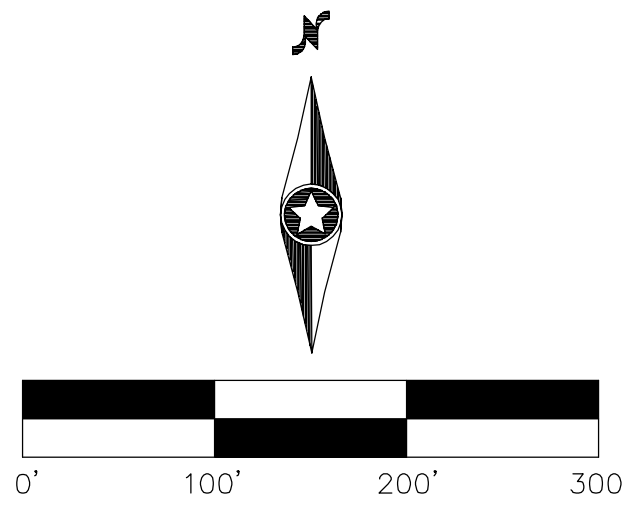


CLEARING NOTES:  
CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL ROCK CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE FOR CLEARING SITE ACCESS  
CLEARING LIMITS SHALL BE STAKED AND SURVEYED BY A CT LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR  
TREES SHALL BE CUT WITHIN 1' OF EXISTING GRADE  
BRUSH AREAS SHALL BE CUT WITHIN 0.5' OF EXISTING GRADE  
NO GRADING OR GRUBBING TO OCCUR ON SITE DURING THE TREE CLEARING OPERATION.



NOTE:  
ROCK CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE SHOULD BE A MINIMUM THICKNESS OF 1.0' AND CONTAIN MAXIMUM SIDE SLOPES OF 4:1. ROCK ENTRANCE SHOULD BE INSPECTED AND MAINTAINED REGULARLY. ROCK ENTRANCE LENGTH MAY NEED TO BE EXTENDED IN CLAY SOILS.

ROCK CONSTRUCTION  
ENTRANCE



			CLA Engineers, Inc. CIVIL • STRUCTURAL • SURVEYING	
			317 Main Street Norwich, Connecticut (860) 886-1966 Fax (860) 886-9165	
7/19/18		PERMITTING DESIGN		
No.	Date	Revision		
			1219 & 1240 VOLUNTOWN ROAD GRISWOLD, CT 06351	
			VOLUNTOWN SOLAR	
			SITE CLEARING EXHIBIT	
			Project No. CLA-	Proj. Engineer E.M.B.
			Date: 7/19/18	Sheet No. 1



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Project: Site Preparation for Solar Energy Facility at 1219 Voluntown Rd, Griswold  
NDDB Determination No.: 201808822

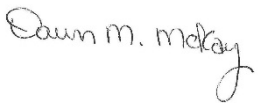
Dear Blake Nicholson,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map provided for the proposed Site Preparation for Solar Energy Facility at 1219 Voluntown Rd, Griswold, Connecticut. I do not anticipate negative impacts to State-listed species (RCSA Sec. 26-306) resulting from your proposed activity at the site based upon the information contained within the NDDB. The result of this review does not preclude the possibility that listed species may be encountered on site and that additional action may be necessary to remain in compliance with certain state permits. This determination is good for two years. Please re-submit a new NDDB Request for Review if the scope of work changes or if work has not begun on this project by July 13, 2020.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3592, or [dawn.mckay@ct.gov](mailto:dawn.mckay@ct.gov). Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base.

Sincerely,



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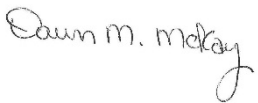
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