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Via Electronic and US. Mail

Robert Mercier, Siting Analyst
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: **Petition No. 1223 – SolarCity Corporation Petition for Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is Required for the Proposed Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a 3.9 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility on Municipally-Owned Property Off Old Forge Road, Rocky Hill, Connecticut**

Dear Mr. Mercier:

Enclosed please find a determination from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office that the proposed SolarCity facility in Rocky Hill will have “no adverse effects” on the Dividend Brook Industrial Archeological District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Baldwin

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Enclosure
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PROJECT REVIEW COVER FORM

1. This information relates to a previously submitted project.

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You do not need to complete the rest of the form if you have been previously issued a SHPO Project Number. Please attach information to this form and submit.

SHPO Project Number _____
(Not all previously submitted projects will have project numbers)

Project Address _____
(Street Address and City or Town)

2. This is a new Project.

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If you have checked this box, it is necessary to complete ALL entries on this form.

Project Name Proposed Solar Facility Installation

Project Location 13 Old Forge Road

Include street number, street name, and or Route Number. If no street address exists give closest intersection.

City or Town Rocky Hill

In addition to the village or hamlet name (if appropriate), the municipality must be included here.

County Hartford County

If the undertaking includes multiple addresses, please attach a list to this form.

Date of Construction (for existing structures) N/A - Undeveloped land

PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY (include full description in attachment):

SolarCity Corporation proposes the construction of a solar powered electrical generation installation consisting of photovoltaic (PV) module technology. The Site parcel is approximately 61.4 acres located at 13 Old Forge Road in Rocky Hill, CT. The proposed project area would encompass approximately 24 acres of undeveloped, lightly wooded land, a portion of which is currently used by the Town for materials storage. Upon completion, the facility will occupy approximately 19 acres. Access to the Site is over an existing, gated drive originating at the intersection of Old Forge Road and Dividend Road in its northern portion. The existing access drive extends south into the Site where it connects to a system of interior dirt roads. The project boundaries are depicted on the enclosed Project Location Map and Site Figures. A Preliminary Archeological Assessment prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC is enclosed.

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED

a. Does this undertaking involve funding or permit approval from a State or Federal Agency?

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Yes

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No

Agency Name/Contact
CT Siting Council

Type of Permit/Approval
Petition that NO Certificate of Env
Compatibility and Public Need is required.

State

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Federal

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Yes

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No

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If yes:

Was the project site wholly or partially located within an identified archeologically sensitive area?

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Does the project site involve or is it substantially contiguous to a property listed or recommended for listing in the CT State or National Registers of Historic Places?

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Does the project involve the rehabilitation, renovation, relocation, demolition or addition to any building or structure that is 50 years old or older?

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The Historic Preservation Review Process in Connecticut Cultural Resource Review under the National Historic Preservation Act – Section 106 <http://www.achp.gov/106summary.html> involves providing technical guidance and professional advice on the potential impact of publicly funded, assisted, licensed or permitted projects on the state's historic, architectural and archaeological resources. This responsibility of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is discharged in two steps: (1) identification of significant historic, architectural and archaeological resources; and (2) advisory assistance to promote compatibility between new development and preservation of the state's cultural heritage.

Project review is conducted in two stages. First, the SHPO assesses affected properties to determine whether or not they are listed or eligible for listing in the Connecticut State or National Registers of Historic Places. If so, it is deemed "historic" and worthy of protection and the second stage of review is undertaken. The project is reviewed to evaluate its impact on the properties significant materials and character. Where adverse effects are identified, alternatives are explored to avoid, or reduce project impacts; where this is unsuccessful, mitigation measures are developed and formal agreement documents are prepared stipulating these measures. For more information and guidance, please see our website at: <http://www.cultureandtourism.org/cet/cwp/view.asp?a=3933&q=293820>

ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS*:

☒ **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** Please attach a full description of the work that will be undertaken as a result of this project. Portions of environmental statements or project applications may be included. The project boundary of the project should be clearly defined**

☒ **PROJECT MAP** This should include the precise location of the project – preferably a clear color image showing the nearest streets or roadways as well as all portions of the project. Tax maps, Sanborn maps and USGS quadrangle maps are all acceptable, but Bing and Google Earth are also accepted if the information provided is clear and well labeled. The project boundary should be clearly defined on the map and affected legal parcels should be identified.

☒ **PHOTOGRAPHS** Clear, current images of the property should be submitted. Black and white photocopies will not be accepted. Include images of the areas where the proposed work will take place. May require: exterior elevations, detailed photos of elements to be repaired/replaced (windows, doors, porches, etc.) All photos should be clearly labeled.

For Existing Structures	Yes	N/A	Comments
Property Card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For New Construction	Yes	N/A	Comments
Project plans or limits of construction (if available)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If project is located in a Historic District include renderings or elevation drawings of the proposed structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Soils Maps http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer to Arch Assessment
Historic Maps http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer to Arch Assessment
For non-building-related projects (dams, culverts, bridge repair, etc)	Yes	N/S	Comments
Property Card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soils Map (see above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historic Maps (see above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SHPO USE ONLY	Above	Date	Below
Indicate date of Review and Initials of Reviewer			Date

PROJECT CONTACT

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*Note that the SHPO's ability to complete a timely project review depends largely on the quality of the materials submitted.

** Please be sure to include the project name and location on *each page* of your submission.



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Based on our review of the information provided to the State Historic Preservation Office, it is our opinion that:

- ☐ No historic properties will be affected by this project. No further review is requested.
- ☒ This project will cause no adverse effects to the following historic properties. No further review is requested: *Dividend Brook Industrial Archaeological District*
- ☐ This project will cause no adverse effects to the following historic properties, conditional upon the stipulations included in the attached letter:
- ☐ Additional information is required to complete our review of this project. Please see the attached letter with our requests and recommendations.
- ☐ This project will adversely affect historic properties as it is currently designed or proposed. Please see the attached letter for further details and guidance.


Catherine Labadia
State Historic Preservation Officer

4/20/16
Date