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September 18, 2017

Lee Hoffman, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1224** – Woods Hill Solar, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 20 Megawatt AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 90 and 101 Woods Hill Road, Pomfret, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received the attached email correspondence from Terre Bombard, RS, a Registered Sanitarian from the Northeastern District Department of Health on September 15, and September 18, 2017 regarding resident complaints about home well sediment contamination at abutting Brooklyn residences on Church Street that are potentially associated with construction at the site of the above referenced solar project.

The abutting Town of Brooklyn residents have stated that their well water filters have been clogged with excessive sand/sediment and resulted in plumbing issues in at least one home.

Please submit written correspondence to the Council on or before Monday, September 25, 2017 that directly addresses the above-referenced concerns and how Woods Hill Solar, LLC plans to attend to those concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

- c: Honorable Richard Ives, First Selectman, Town of Brooklyn
Jana Roberson, AICP, Town Planner/Director of Community Development, Town of Brooklyn
Martha Fraenkel, CZEO, Zoning and Wetlands Official, Town of Brooklyn
Terre Bombard, RS, Northeastern District Department of Health
Briony Angus, Senior Project Manager, Tighe & Bond

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Walsh, Christina

To: Bachman, Melanie
Subject: RE: Pomfret Solar Project

From: Terre Bombard [<mailto:tbombard@nddh.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: Pomfret Solar Project

Melanie

Our office (Northeast District Department of Health) received a complaint regarding the solar project in Pomfret. The complainant, who resides on Church Street in Brooklyn, stated that ever since the project started, there is an excessive amount of sand/sediment clogging up their well filters which they are changing more frequently. Two neighbors are also having similar issues.

I am not sure how you want to go about this but I can send you the gentleman's name along with photos that were sent to me. If there is another person that would handle this situation, just let me know and I will contact them.

Thank You

Terre

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Walsh, Christina

To: Bachman, Melanie
Subject: RE: Pomfret Solar Project

From: Terre Bombard [<mailto:tbombard@nddh.org>]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 8:35 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Pomfret Solar Project

Melanie

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly, below is a copy of the e-mail I received from the gentleman on Church Street in Brooklyn. I will get you the names and addresses of the neighbors who are experiencing problems also – another sanitarian from our office lives in the same neighborhood and actually talked with them.

Michael's phone number is: 401-241-9035. If you need anything other information, please let me know.

Thank You

Terre

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From: Desousa, Michael [<mailto:michael.desousa@fmaprovals.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Terre Bombard
Subject: RE: Pomfret Solar Project

Hi Terre,

Wow 946 page report! I looked at the geo and environmental sections... Bottom line, I know there's no stopping this project because of a few neighboring properties having issues with their well water but has anyone in town government at least notified project leaders that neighboring Brooklyn residents are having issues with their well water? Or anyway of getting contact information for the project?

It's been an inconvenience flushing and cleaning out sediment filters ever day not to mention the time and expense that I had two weekends ago with the plumbing disaster when sediment tear through a filter, getting

into my water supply and plugging up my plumbing fixtures. To make things worse, I have guests staying at my house this coming weekend in town for my nephews wedding.

I have attached some pictures of the spin down filtration system so that you can see for yourself. The first two pictures are from a couple of weekends ago, after heavy construction began, showing the caked up filter system that had already been compromised. At that point the sediment had already entered into our water supply. The third picture shows how I find the filter (plugged up) when I completely lose water flow out of my plumbing fixtures. Luckily it hasn't got as bad as the first two pictures but that's probably because we're keeping an eye on it and flushing it out regularly.

Thanks,
Mike





