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August 9, 2017

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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 17.61 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) is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 9, 2017 regarding the above-referenced declaratory ruling requesting that Woods Hill Solar, LLC (WHS) be allowed to begin construction activities at the site, including clearing areas of the site, mobilizing construction equipment and initial construction activities, with the understanding that such activities may be subject to change when the Council is able to act on the partial Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted by WHS on July 24, 2017.

The Council issued a declaratory ruling on May 12, 2016 and included a condition that WHS submit a partial D&M Plan prior to the commencement of facility construction in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50j-60(b). The partial D&M Plan condition requires submission of a final site plan, including, but not limited to, the electrical interconnection design; a vernal pool report; and the determination from the State Historical Preservation Office.

WHS submitted its partial D&M Plan to the Council on July 24, 2017; however, due to the Council's regular meeting schedule, the D&M Plan cannot be acted on by the Council prior to its next regular meeting scheduled for August 31, 2017.

Pursuant to RCSA §16-50j-60(d), which states in relevant part, "Except as otherwise authorized by the Council, no clearing or construction shall begin prior to approval of applicable sections of the D&M Plan by the Council," Council staff hereby approves your request to begin limited construction activities at the site, including clearing areas of the site, mobilizing construction equipment and initial construction activities.

This approval applies only to the construction activities mentioned above. The partial D&M Plan for this project is still under review and has not been approved by the Council to date.

Please be advised that any changes or deviations from this approval are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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c: Council members

The Honorable Craig Baldwin, First Selectman, Town of Pomfret Walter P. Hinchman, Planning and Zoning Chairman, Town of Pomfret



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Petition 1224 - Woods Hill Solar, LLC

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Woods Hill Solar, LLC, in connection with the above-referenced petition. As you are aware, Woods Hill Solar submitted a draft of its D&M Plan for the Council's review and approval on July 24, 2017.

The contents of the D&M Plan ordered by the Council were fairly limited, and were to include final site plan drawings, a copy of the vernal pool report and a copy of the determination from the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the site. These materials were all provided to the Council on July 24, 2017.

Given that the Council will be unable to meet on August 17, 2017, I am writing to request that that Woods Hill Solar, LLC be allowed to begin construction activities at the site, including clearing areas of the site, mobilizing construction equipment and initial construction activities. We understand that such activities may be subject to change if the Council disapproves or amends Woods Hill Solar's D&M Plan at its next meeting.

Should you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact me at your convenience. I certify that a copy of this letter has been provided to all parties listed on the service list.

Sincerely,

Lee D. Hoffman

Counsel for Woods Hill Solar, LLC

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