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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1294** – LSE Canes Venatici LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 2.0 megawatt AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at East Windsor Tax Assessor Map 037, Block 65, Lot 027A, Wapping Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. (NORCAP North).

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than May 3, 2017. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Council Members



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Petition No. 1294
NORCAP North Solar Facility
East Windsor, CT
Interrogatories

1. The abutters map does not depict the Gilson property. Please revise.
2. Site Plan Sheet 4 shows the temporary sedimentation basin extending onto the abutting property to the west (Gilson property). Does the Petitioner have a lease agreement to utilize this property?
3. How was the size of temporary sedimentation basin determined?
4. At what point would the temporary sedimentation basin be removed?
5. The petition describes on-site soils as bare/exposed. Would topsoil be imported to the site to create favorable conditions for site seeding? If so, to what thickness would the topsoil be applied? Estimate the amount of imported topsoil required to create favorable growing conditions.
6. If low-growth ground cover is being used, would a permanent stormwater detention basin be necessary to capture site runoff?
7. Does the Petitioner anticipate changes to the proposed construction and post-construction stormwater control features based on DEEP review of the Stormwater Pollution Control Plan?
8. Once ground cover is established, would the Petitioner use herbicides and/or pesticides to maintain healthy growth?
9. Does the proposed site contain mapped prime farmland soils? If so, do any prime farmland soils remain at the site due to past land use?
10. The REMA Listed-Species Investigation report at Petition Tab 10 states wood turtle use of the site is potentially moderate. Would the Petitioner be willing to implement the recommended wood turtle protection measures listed on page 4 of the report?
11. Petition Page 6 lists several issues regarding potential use of adjacent capped landfills for a solar facility. Would the south face of landfill on the abutting property to the south be appropriate for a solar installation rather than the top of the landfill? Is there an existing access road that ascends the south face of this landfill? Could this access road be used to facilitate solar installation on the sides or top of the landfill?
12. What are the proposed construction work hours for the facility?
13. What is the anticipated life-span of the proposed facility? Please submit a facility Decommissioning Plan.
14. Petition pages 11-12 lists several Town meetings attended by the Petitioner. Did the Town request specific changes to the Project, and if so, were these changes made prior to submission of the Petition to the Council?

15. Is the site property within the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Program? If so, is a solar facility a permitted use? Please explain.
16. Provide the specifications sheets for a) proposed inverters and b) solar photovoltaic panels.
17. Are there trees adjacent to the site that would shade portions of the solar field?