



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 21, 2017

Roy A. Piper
First Selectman
Town of Canterbury
1 Municipal Drive
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firstselectman@canterburyct.org

RE: **PETITION NO. 1310** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Piper:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Canterbury's correspondence dated June 19, 2017 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

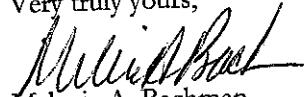
This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda. If the Council decides to hold a public hearing, public notice of the hearing location, date and time will be provided.

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n. Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the petitioner and parties and intervenors to the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members

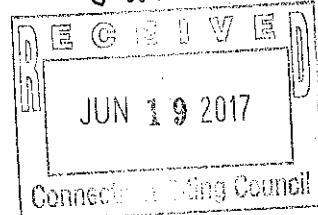
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Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051



June 19, 2017

Dear Ms. Bachman,

I have had the pleasure of meeting with the former Ranger Solar team, now NextEra Energy Resources, to learn more about the proposed Quinebaug Solar Energy Center, an up to 50 MegaWatt Solar Project to be developed in the Towns of Brooklyn and Canterbury, Connecticut.

NextEra Energy Resources thoroughly briefed me on the project and addressed my questions during the meeting. The company is committed to bring new investment and low-cost, clean energy to the region and beyond, which I support.

The development teams at both Ranger Solar and NextEra Energy Resources have worked closely with the communities of Brooklyn and Canterbury, and direct neighbors of the project, to ensure the Quinebaug Solar Energy Center is one of the very best-sited solar projects in Connecticut.

NextEra Energy Resources is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and the sun. This gives me confidence, knowing we're working with a company that knows the industry and has proven it can develop, build and operate successful solar projects to benefit communities.

If the project is approved, it will deliver significant tax revenue to the two towns, create both short and long term jobs, and will not require any public infrastructure, or additional services from the local communities. The project will also significantly contribute to Connecticut's clean energy future, which is something we can all value.

For these reasons, I fully support the Quinebaug Solar Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Roy A. Piper, First Selectman
Town of Canterbury, CT