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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 Attorney Lugli:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) request for an extension of time to submit state agency comments on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling submitted by Quinebaug Solar, LLC on June 15, 2017. The current deadline for comments is July 17, 2017.

The Council hereby grants the DEEP's request for an extension of time to submit state agency comments on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling to August 16, 2017, or the close of the evidentiary record, whichever is later.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council's office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Council Members
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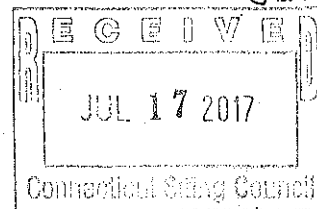


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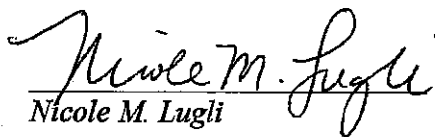
Dear Siting Council members and Executive Director Bachman,

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) submits this letter in reference to Petition No. 1310. DEEP is unable to meet the July 17 deadline provided by the Council in its Connecticut State Agencies Comment Memo of June 26, 2017 and requests that the Council grant an extension of 30 days to ensure our staff can adequately compile information on the environmental and natural resource impacts of the proposal.

The Quinebaug Solar project, which is the subject of this petition, was selected by DEEP through a request for proposals (“RFP”) for renewable energy projects issued pursuant to Section 1(c) of Connecticut Public Act 15-107, *An Act Concerning Affordable and Reliable Energy* (“P.A. 15-107”) and Sections 6 and 7 of Connecticut Public Act 13-303, *An Act Concerning Connecticut’s Clean Energy Goals* (“P.A. 13-303”) along with Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The selection of this project represents an important step forward in the implementation of Governor Malloy’s vision for a cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable energy future for the ratepayers of Connecticut. The Quinebaug Solar project is instrumental in this vision as it helps diversify the regional fuel mix, assists the state in meeting its commitment to procure 20% of its electricity from Class I renewable sources by 2020, and also, contributes to the state’s goal of reducing carbon emissions by 80% below 2001 levels by 2050.

As part of the RFP selection process, DEEP’s review of the Quinebaug Solar project involved the input of several departments of the agency. This review included an initial, high-level assessment of environmental and natural resource impacts. Now that the petition has been filed, DEEP staff must review the information provided by the applicant with an eye to subsequent permit reviews, which is a more detailed process than that provided for in the RFP selection process.

Best regards,


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