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October 17, 2017

Chairman Jeffrey Arends
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Town of Brooklyn
P.O. Box 356
69 South Main Street
Brooklyn, CT 06234

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 Chairman Arends:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 16, 2017, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

At a public meeting held on July 20, 2017, the Council considered and ruled to hold a public hearing on this matter. This schedule includes a public hearing in the Town of Brooklyn on Thursday, September 19, 2017, at the Brooklyn Community Center for the benefit of the public and a continued evidentiary hearing session in New Britain on October 17, 2017.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40, a copy of the petition is to be submitted to the municipality where each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review. Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this proceeding 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 all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding 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.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Yours very truly,

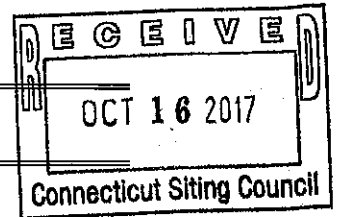
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MEMORANDUM

TO: CT SITING COUNCIL
MELANIE BACHMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
JEFFREY ARENDS, CHAIR

SUBJECT: SOLAR PROJECT BROOKLYN/CANTERBURY PETITION #1310

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2017

On review of the application and record for the solar project #1310, the Brooklyn IWWC has the following concerns and comments:

Stormwater Management

We endorse the recommendations made in DEEP's correspondence submitted to the Siting Council "*Stormwater Management at Solar Farm Construction Projects*" dated September 8, 2017. We request that the applicant agree to implement them in full, specifically and not limited to the following:

1. only a PE and/or a landscape architect serve as DEEP Commissioner's agent to inspect the site and serve as inspector for the required DEEP General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities.
2. a PE/LA personally perform all pre-construction, construction and post-construction site inspections.
3. the PE/LA report any violations of the construction stormwater general permit and Stormwater Plan to DEEP within 48 hours.
4. the PE/LA review all stormwater monitoring reports and evaluate the effectiveness of the submitted Stormwater Plan.

In addition, we request that the operator make the required stormwater monitoring reports available to the Brooklyn Wetlands Official.

Existing Disturbed Area – sand and gravel excavation

Regarding the former sand and gravel excavation area, which has not been restored as required:

1. We request that the applicant ensures that the proposed project will in no way interfere with or hinder the restoration of the former sand and gravel excavation operation.
2. We request that the applicant make any woodchips produced during landclearing available to River Junction Estates/Jeff Rawson/responsible party(ies) to provide organic matter that may be utilized in restoration.

Impact to Cold Spring Brook and other wetlands

We request that the applicant take all steps necessary to prevent an increase in water temperature and turbidity, including pre-development baseline surveys and ongoing monitoring.

Animal Migration

To the greatest possible extent, we request that the applicant install fencing that allows both small and large animal migration through the site. Fencing that is not continuous around the site perimeter should be considered.

Contamination

Soils in agricultural areas should be evaluated for pesticide contamination prior to development. If contamination is found, the management of said soils should be compliant with CT DEEP regulations and best management practices.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

JA/mf