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January 9, 2020

The Honorable Peter A. Nystrom
Mayor
City of Norwich
City Hall
100 Broadway
Room 214
Norwich, CT 06360

RE: **Hearing Date - January 14, 2020 (snow date January 21, 2020) and February 4, 2020** in connection with **PETITION NO. 1310A** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, 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 and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Dear Mayor Nystrom:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) scheduled a public hearing in the Town of Brooklyn in connection with the above-referenced reopened matter on January 14, 2020 with a snow date of January 21, 2020. A continued public hearing has been scheduled for February 4, 2020 at the Council's office in New Britain. Based on the nature of this reopened petition for a declaratory ruling, the Council voted to hold a public hearing, although it is not required by law.

A portion of the electrical interconnection for the proposed solar electric generating facility requires Eversource Energy to modify approximately .75 mile of existing electric transmission lines in the City of Norwich between Bean Hill Substation and Wawecus Junction. The Council will evaluate Eversource Energy's proposed modifications to the existing electric transmission lines during the public hearing scheduled for **February 4, 2020**. I am writing to invite you to participate in this public hearing.

The City of Norwich may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary portion of the public hearing. A request for party or intervenor status may be submitted to the Council in writing by January 28, 2020. The City of Norwich may also present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session of the public hearing to be held on January 14, 2020, or on the snow date of January 21, 2020 in the Town of Brooklyn, or the City of Norwich may submit written statements to the Council at any time before, during or within 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event that you have legal or procedural questions, please contact me at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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