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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 9, 2017

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman *MAB*
Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood 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 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut. **Request for Comments on the August 1, 2017 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Notice of Intent to Be a Party**

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the attached Notice of Intent (Notice of Intent) to be a Party from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in the above-referenced proceeding.

The Council invites comments from the parties and intervenors relative to the following:

1. Whether DEEP's August 1, 2017 Notice of Intent is non-discretionary to the Council pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50n(a)(2) and Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50j(5) as cited by DEEP in the Notice of Intent; and
2. Whether DEEP may participate as both a party, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50n and Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-176(d), and as a voting member of the Council, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50j(b), in the above-referenced proceeding.

Comments are requested to be submitted to the Council by the close of business on or before August 24, 2017. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 860-827-2935. Thank you.

Enclosure



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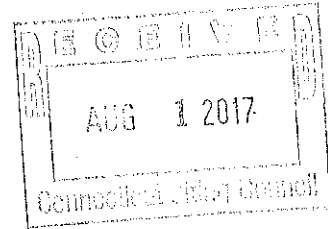
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August 1, 2017



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Re: Petition No. 1312, Petition of Candlewood Solar, LLC for a Declaratory Ruling that No Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Is Required for the Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a 20.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Facility in New Milford, Connecticut

Notice of Intent to Be a Party

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Robert Klee, Connecticut Commissioner of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("Commissioner"), hereby notifies the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") of his intention to participate as a party in the above-referenced proceeding.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50n(a)(2) states that the parties to a declaratory ruling proceeding shall include "each person entitled to receive a copy of the application or resolution under section 16-50l, if such person has filed with the council a notice of intent to be a party." Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50l(5), the Commissioner is such a person.

Kirsten S. P. Rigney, the undersigned, will be appearing before the Council in this matter on behalf of the Commissioner.

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Certification of Service

I, Kirsten S. P. Rigney, hereby certify that a copy of this Notice of Intent was sent on August 1, 2017, by electronic mail to the following parties on the Service List in this matter:

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