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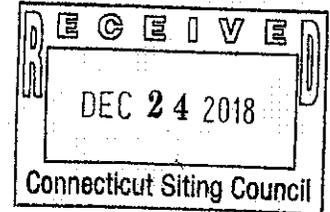
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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 11, 2018

Lee D. Hoffman, Esq.
Pullman & Comley, LLC
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Hartford, CT 06103-3702

RE: **PETITION NO. 1347** – GRE GACRUX 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 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. **GRE GACRUX LLC Petition for Reconsideration.**

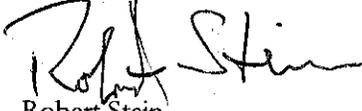
Dear Attorney Hoffman:

During a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on December 6, 2018, the Council denied, by a vote of seven to one, the GRE GACRUX LLC November 7, 2018 Petition for Reconsideration, pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(a), of the Council's October 26, 2018 final decision to deny without prejudice a petition for a declaratory ruling for the above-referenced proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on the following bases:

1. Potential impacts on water quality, including, but not limited to, the absence of additional geotechnical analysis to determine the appropriate design of stormwater controls for the proposed project and the impacts of the stormwater controls on water quality, as recommended by DEEP in correspondence submitted to the Council on August 24, 2018 and December 4, 2018, and referenced in the Town's July 18, 2018 comments, Save The Rivers-Save The Hills (STRSTH) August 20, 2018 and November 20, 2018 comments and the November 27, 2018 written statement of Council Chairman Stein; and
2. The Petitioner's admissions, November 7, 2018 Petition for Reconsideration, and Petitioner's response to STRSTH's Interrogatory, October 12, 2018, that more geotechnical investigation will be required to determine the functionality and constructability of each proposed detention basin; and concerns that the results of such further investigation could have impacts on not only the design and location of these storm drainage facilities but on the design of the entire project; and
3. Concerns from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) regarding a recommended wildlife survey in correspondence submitted to the Council on August 24, 2018 and December 4, 2018, and referenced in the Town of Waterford's (Town) July 18, 2018 comments, Save the River Save the Hills' (STRSTH) August 20, 2018 and November 20, 2018 comments and the October 25, 2018 written statement of Council member Klemens.

Finally it should be noted that the denial, without prejudice, letter of October 26, 2018, did not fully reflect the basis for the Council's action, and to avoid any confusion, it shall be noted that all of the above-cited reasons formed the basis of the Council's original denial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Stein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Stein
Chairman

c: Parties and Intervenors
Council members