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September 20, 2018

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1348** – Safari Energy, LLC, as agent for West Farms Mall, 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 2.019-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at West Farms Mall, 1500 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford and 500 South Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

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Comments have been received from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, dated September 19, 2018. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



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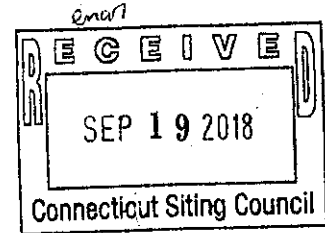


Steven K. Reviczky  
Commissioner

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September 19, 2018

Robert Stein, Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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RE: 2.019-MW Solar Photo-voltaic Generating Facility Safari Energy, LLC, West Farms Mall 1500 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford and 500 South Road, Farmington, CT  
Petition No. 1348

Dear Chairman Stein:

The Department of Agriculture (DOAG) has reviewed the above referenced Petition for Declaratory Ruling for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.019 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at West Farms Mall, 1500 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford and 500 South Road, Farmington, Connecticut. DOAG offers the following comments for your consideration.

Pursuant to Public Act 17-218i, the Department of Agriculture represents to the council that such project will not materially affect prime farmland.

This project is proposing to use rooftops and a solar canopy system located on an existing parking lot; rather than siting these solar facilities on prime farmland is to be applauded. DOAG appreciates the way this applicant has designed this project to avoid negative impacts to the landscape as it develops a renewable energy facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 860-713-2526 or Jason.bowsza@ct.gov if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven K. Reviczky  
Commissioner