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February 22, 2019

***Via Electronic Mail and First Class Mail***

Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.  
Acting Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: ***Petition No. 1352*** – Nutmeg 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 19.6-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 162 acres comprised of 9 separate parcels located generally south of Bailey Road and east of Route 191 (Broad Brook Road), and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Scitico Substation at 20 Bailey Road in Enfield, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On behalf of the petitioner, Nutmeg Solar, LLC (the “Petitioner”), enclosed please find correspondence from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) dated February 7, 2019.

The Petitioner asks that the Council accept SHPO’s correspondence as state agency written comments. The Petitioner submits that no party in this proceeding will be prejudiced as a result of the Council’s consideration of the February 7, 2019 letter.

The Petitioner continues to discuss the ultimate resolution of two of the tobacco barns with SHPO, and will provide updates to the Council, including through any Development and Management Plan, should the Council so require.

Please feel free to contact me or David Bogan of this office (860-541-7711) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Kathryn E. Boucher

Enclosure

cc: Service List



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February 7, 2019

Mr. David R. George  
Heritage Consultants  
PO Box 310249  
Newington, CT 06131

Subject: Building Management Plan  
Nutmeg Solar Project  
Broadbrook Road  
Enfield, Connecticut

Dear Mr. George:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the additional information submitted in regards to the above project. The proposed activities are under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council and are subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The proposed facility is located within a 184.5 acre study area straddling both sides of Broadbrook Road, and roughly bounded to the south by Charnley Road, to the east by an Eversource electrical transmission line corridor, to the north by Abbe and Bailey Roads, and to the west by a developed residential area. The proposed facility includes photovoltaic (PV) solar panels, racking, access roads, and related ancillary equipment.

The subject parcel, within a larger complex of the historic farmstead, is potentially eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places for its association with the agricultural history of tobacco farming within the Connecticut River Valley. Two tobacco sheds within the project area, identified as Building 12 and Building 13, were initially proposed to be demolished, which would constitute an adverse effect to historic resources. In a letter dated January 2, 2019, this office recommended that a protection plan be formulated for the tobacco sheds located on the property, and that they be incorporated into any future development of the northern section of the parcel.

Since that time, the project sponsor, through its consultant, has agreed to consider alternatives to demolition of Buildings 12 and 13. Though a final decision has not been reached between the project sponsor and SHPO, the project sponsor has agreed to ongoing consultation regarding the future of the sheds until an agreement is finalized.

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Furthermore, the project sponsor has also agreed to professionally document Buildings 12 and 13. Documentation shall meet the state-level documentation standards of SHPO and, at a minimum, include indexed high-quality photographs, a site plan, and narrative text. Final documentation will be provided to SHPO for permanent archiving and public accessibility.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project, and looks forward to continued consultation and resolution of the project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. For additional information, please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or [marena.wisniewski@ct.gov](mailto:marena.wisniewski@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

Mary B. Dunne  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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