

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

Phone: (860) 827-2935 Fax: (860) 827-2950

E-Mail: siting.council@ct.gov

www.ct.gov/csc

November 30, 2018

Richard Tkacz
Fire Commissioner
Hazardville Fire Department
385 Hazard Avenue
Enfield, CT 06082

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 Commissioner Tkacz:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Hazardville Fire District's correspondence received November 30, 2018 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.


This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda. If the Council votes to hold a public hearing, public notice of the hearing location, date and time will be provided.

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and members of the public who attend the field review and submit written statements to the Council.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n. Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the petitioner and parties and intervenors to the proceeding.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

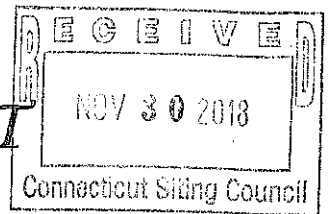
Sincerely,


Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/MP/lm

c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members

HAZARDVILLE FIRE DISTRICT



Commissioner
Philip E. Thomas

Commissioner
Thomas P. Kozikowski

Commissioner
Richard Tkacz

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of the Hazardville Fire District in the Town of Enfield, Connecticut to offer our support for the proposed Nutmeg Solar Project.

In both public meetings hosted by the Town, and community open houses hosted on the proposed site of the project, the Nutmeg Solar team has provided a thorough explanation of the project's objectives, benefits and impacts, and were able to satisfactorily address our questions.

The project will bring new investment and clean energy to the Town and the State of Connecticut. If the project is approved, it will deliver not only significant property tax revenue to Enfield, but also to the Hazardville Fire District. This revenue, potentially millions of dollars over the project's life, can have a significant positive impact on our operations, allowing us to invest in our equipment and facilities. Furthermore, the project will not create any additional strain on public infrastructure or services administered by the Town: no water, fuel, septic, or other services are required for the project's normal operations.

Nutmeg Solar, is a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, which is a leading renewable energy company with a proven track record of success in developing, constructing, owning, and operating wind and solar projects across North America. I have been impressed with the company's commitment to safety, and to working with the communities that host its projects. This proven track record gives me confidence that this project can be built and operated in a safe and responsible manner that will result in benefits for the local economy, while helping the state achieve its clean energy goals.

For these reasons, the Hazardville Fire District supports the Nutmeg Solar Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Richard Tkacz
Fire Commissioner
Hazardville Fire Department