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Re: CANDLEWOOD SOLAR, LLC 20 MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT NEW MILFORD ASSESSOR'S MAP PARCELS 26/67.1, 9.6, AND 34/31.1 CANDLEWOOD MOUNTAIN ROAD NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT - PETITION NO. 1312

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On February 28, 2019, the Town of New Milford (the "Town") submitted a Petition for Declaratory Ruling And For Party Status Under C.G.S. § 22a-19 regarding Candlewood Solar, LLC's Development and Management Plan ("D&M Plan") filed with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"). Candlewood Solar, LLC ("Candlewood Solar") hereby submits to the Council Candlewood Solar's Application for Party Status regarding the Town's Petition for Declaratory Ruling And For Party Status.

Enclosed are the original and fifteen (15) hard copies each of Candlewood Solar's Application for Party Status. A copy of the Application is also being provided to the service list.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Candlewood Solar's Application for Party Status, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul R. Michaud'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul R. Michaud

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

CANDLEWOOD SOLAR, LLC)	Petition No. 1312
20 MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT)	
NEW MILFORD ASSESSOR'S MAP)	
PARCELS 26/67.1, 9.6, AND 34/31.1)	
CANDLEWOOD MOUNTAIN ROAD)	
NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT)	March 7, 2019

APPLICATION FOR PARTY STATUS

Through its undersigned legal counsel, and pursuant to General Statutes §§ 16-50n, 4-177a, 16-50o, and 22a-120 as well as §§ 16-50j-17 and 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as relevant, Candlewood Solar, LLC (“Candlewood Solar”) respectfully requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) grant it “Party” status in the above-referenced proceeding. In support of this Application for Party Status, Candlewood Solar states as follows:

1. On February 28, 2019, the Town of New Milford (the "Town") submitted a petition to the Council in response to Candlewood Solar’s Development and Management Plan ("D&M Plan") submitted to the Council for the Candlewood Solar Project under Petition 1312 (“Solar Project”).

2. The Town’s February 28, 2019 petition seeks a declaratory ruling from the Council that Candlewood Solar’s D&M Plan for the Solar Project allegedly fails to comply with the erosion and sedimentation control and stormwater pollution control standards set forth in the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("DEEP") regulations and guidelines.

3. The Town's petition also claims that Candlewood Solar's D&M Plan allegedly fails to address or comply with accepted best engineering practices for controlling sedimentation, erosion and runoff from the Solar Project.

4. Lastly, the Town's petition claims that Candlewood Solar's D&M Plan is allegedly in material conflict with other portions of the Council's Decision and Order approving the Solar Project.

5. In its petition, the Town requests that the Council deny Candlewood Solar's D&M Plan and hold a hearing on its petition for a declaratory ruling in order to allow interested persons sufficient opportunity to participate in the D&M Plan process and to ensure the completeness and transparency of the Council's review.

6. The Town requests intervenor status in connection with its petition for declaratory ruling, and a hearing on the intervenor request itself.

7. Candlewood Solar's participation as a Party in this proceeding is vitally necessary to allow Candlewood Solar to represent its legal rights, duties, and privileges, which will be directly impacted by the Town's proposed petition for a declaratory ruling and any determination by a Council decision in this proceeding.

8. Candlewood Solar's involvement at any evidentiary hearing in this proceeding as a Party would aid the Council in reaching a fair and informed decision regarding the claims made by the Town in connection with Candlewood Solar's D&M Plan and will not interfere with the orderly conduct of the proceeding.

9. Candlewood Solar requests that all communications (electronic service is requested) from all parties, intervenors, and others in connection with this proceeding be directed to:

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WHEREFORE, Candlewood Solar respectfully requests that the Council grant it Party status and allow Candlewood Solar the opportunity to fully defend its D&M Plan at any evidentiary hearings, including providing interrogatories and interrogatory responses, providing pre-filed written testimony, presenting expert witnesses, cross-examination of opposing witnesses, and providing written briefs.

Respectfully submitted by,

CANDLEWOOD SOLAR, LLC



By: _____

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on this day that the foregoing was delivered by electronic mail or regular mail, postage prepaid, in accordance with § 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to all parties and intervenors or record, as follows:

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