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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 26, 2018

Steve Broyer Senior Project Manager Ecos Energy 222 South 9th Street, #1600 Minneapolis, MN 55402

RE:

PETITION NO. 1137 – Windham Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of five 1.0 MW and one 1.1 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating facilities located at 1 Williams Crossing Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Second Request for Amendment.

Dear Mr. Broyer:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than August 16, 2018. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman

Executive Director

c: Council Members

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Petition No. 1137 Windham Solar LLC– Lebanon - Franklin, Connecticut

Second Amendment Interrogatories July 26, 2018

- 1. What is the status of the farmstead buildings on the property? Please indicate what buildings would be removed by Windham Solar. If buildings are to remain, what would they be used for?
- 2. What is the proposed finish grade of both expansion areas?
- 3. What is the maximum grade for the safe installation of the ballast mounts? Would an area of excavation be required under each mount to create a level surface?
- 4. The Petition Amendment narrative states ballasts may be cast on-site. Indicate the location of the ballast mold area and concrete wash out station. Provide a design detail of the concrete wash out station.
- 5. Would the fence posts for the expanded fence perimeter be supported by concrete ballasts? If not, how would the posts be driven into the bedrock?
- 6. Why is an interior chain-link fence necessary to separate the Phase 1 solar field area from the Phase 2 solar field area?
- 7. Site Plan Sheet 9 Slope Stabilization specifies the use of erosion control mat North American Green (NAG) SC 150. Due to the potential presence of DEEP listed species (wood turtle), could an all-natural fiber mat be specified for use at the site, such as NAG 150 BN or equivalent?
- 8. Site Plan Sheet 9, the clearing/grubbing notes states extreme care shall be taken around existing trees to be saved. Where are the trees that would be saved during Phase 2 development?
- 9. Did Windham Solar consult with the respective Towns prior to filing of the Amendment with the Council? If so, what were the specific concerns and were these concerns addressed in the submittal?
- 10. What is the status of the interconnection agreement with Eversource for the Phase 2 Project expansion?
- 11. What is the output rating of the Phase 2 solar panels?
- 12. No new transformer/switchgear pads are shown on the Phase 2 site plans would a modification of the existing transformer/switchgear equipment be required to accommodate the 1 MW expansion?

