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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 18, 2017

John McGuire, III
Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission
Franklin Town Hall
7 Meetinghouse Hill Road
Franklin, CT 06254

RE: **PETITION NO. 1137** - Windham Solar, LLC 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. Request for Amendment.

Dear Chairman McGuire:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Franklin Planning and Zoning Commission's correspondence dated August 15, 2017 concerning the amendment request for the above-referenced declaratory ruling. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

The original petition for the solar photovoltaic renewable energy generating facilities was approved by the Council on March 5, 2015. A request to amend the declaratory ruling was submitted to the Council on July 7, 2017. This request to amend will be placed on the Council meeting agenda of August 31, 2017 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.

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 petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members



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August 15, 2017

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

Re: Windham Solar LLC

Ms. Bachman,


Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to an approved Petition for Declaratory Ruling, recently submitted by Windham Solar LLC. The Town of Franklin Planning & Zoning Commission received notice of this application from Steve Broyer, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Ecos Energy LLC, in correspondence dated June 30, 2017.

At the July 18th regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Planning & Zoning Commission, the commission agreed to provide the following comment on the application:

- *The commission encourages compliance with the "Zoning Regulations of the Town of Franklin, Connecticut". The footprint of the proposed solar facility includes solar panels and racking within the minimum required setback for the C-2 zoning district. Under the regulations, such permanent structures are not allowed to be located within 75 feet of the edge of the right of way, or 100 feet of the road centerline (the greater of).*

We kindly ask the Connecticut Siting Council to give consideration to the commission's comments. Please feel welcome to contact me with any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully,


John McGuire, III
Chairman

JM/sa

cc: Richard Matters, First Selectman, Town of Franklin
Ron Chalecki, Zoning Enforcement Officer/Sanitarian, Town of Franklin
Thomas Webber, Building Official/Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Town of Franklin
Sherry Pollard, Land Use Assistant, Town of Franklin
Samuel Alexander, Planner II, Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Steve Broyer, P.E., Project Engineer, Ecos Energy LLC