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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 21, 2015

William A. Ballinger  
First Selectman Bozrah  
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1150** – SolarCity Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 3.1 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located on Brush Hill Road in Bozrah, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Ballinger:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Bozrah's correspondence dated May 20, 2015 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](http://www.ct.gov/csc) under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

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 petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director

MAB/RM/lm

c: Parties and Intervenors  
Council Members

**From:** William Ballinger <firstselectman@bozrahct.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** CSC-DL Siting Council  
**Cc:** Julie Kohler (jkohler@cohenandwolf.com); Richard Serra (rserra@seccog.org); Scott Taylor (scottrt95@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Town of Bozrah Inland Wetlands and P&Z commission comments on Petition No 1150  
**Attachments:** 20150506\_Application Review Letter.pdf *provided ✓*

Siting Council Members:

The Town of Bozrah would like to submit the following comments/questions that were raised by the Inland Wetland and Planning and Zoning Commissions upon review of the proposed project

1. Please see the attached report from the Town's engineering firm and the questions raised by their review of the planned project
2. The Inland Wetlands Commission raised a question on the status of the proposed spring vernal pool study (p23 environmental assessment). The Commissioners were curious as the assessment states that a conclusive determination as to impact could not be made until the survey is completed.
3. Both the IW and P&Z requested that a vegetative buffer along Brush Hill Road be added to the plan and that sightline standards along Brush Hill Road be maintained. They would also request a stipulation be added that the screening landscaping will be regularly maintained by the property owner.
4. There was a question from the P&Z concerning the operating hours of cement trucks and other heavy equipment during the construction phase. There are residential properties right across the street from the proposed access.
5. There were questions on the extent of any blasting that might be needed to install any of the arrays or the access road.

These question/concerns have been communicated directly to Mr. Robert Miller of SolarCity in a series of email exchanges between Mr. Miller and Richard Serra, the Town of Bozrah's Planner. I believe that all of the concerns are in the process of being addressed, and may be mute by the time that the Siting Council meets. I am submitting them now to officially place them on the record.

Thank you for your consideration and the extension of the deadline to allow us to gather and submit these comments.

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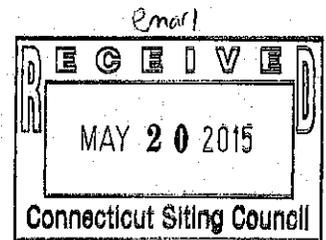
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May 6, 2015

Mr. William Ballinger, First Selectman  
Town of Bozrah  
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1 River Road  
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RE : Engineering Review  
Proposed Solar Photovoltaic System Installation  
Brush Hill Road, Bozrah, CT

Dear Mr. Ballinger:

Per your request, Anchor Engineering Services, Inc. has reviewed the plans titled "Site Development Plan, Proposed Solar Photovoltaic System Installation, Prepared for Brightfields Development LLC., Brush Hill Road, Bozrah, CT, Assessor's I.D. 04/006A1, October 2014." and has the following comments:

- 1) Plans show infiltration trenches as part of the drainage design. The Stormwater Management Report includes a description of these infiltration trenches, but the calculations do not appear to take into account any infiltration that would occur. The applicant should clarify if these trenches are designed to infiltrate stormwater and, if so, provide testing data to document the infiltration capacity of the soils within the vicinity of the infiltration trenches.
- 2) The plans show several areas where outcrops of ledge are present. The applicant should provide test pit data in the areas of all stormwater detention basins and infiltration trenches in order to demonstrate the stormwater treatment structures can be built to proposed depths without encountering bedrock, to ensure that they will function as proposed.
- 3) Sediment and Erosion control proposed on site do not appear to meet the standards of the "2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control" (Guidelines). We recommend that the site plans be revised to implement water handling and phasing during the construction process. The site is proposed to be cleared of all vegetation and topsoil stripped and stockpiled. Per Chapter 5-11 of the Guidelines, Sediment Impoundments, Barriers and Filters, Temporary Sediment Basins or Traps shall be used to intercept and retain sediment during construction. The applicant has only proposed silt fence.
- 4) Detail of staked hay bales should to be provided on the plans.

Mr. William Ballinger

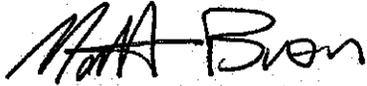
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- 5) The plans should show any proposed utility conduits within the proposed access drive and the town right-of-way along Brush Hill Road.

If you have any questions regarding the above or the enclosed information, please don't hesitate to contact me at (860) 633-8770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Matthew N. Brown, P.E.

Associate