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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 10, 2016

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1178** – Fusion Solar Center, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a ground-mounted 20 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on Potash Hill Road, Sprague, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than August 22, 2016. 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.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: Council Members

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Development and Management Plan
Interrogatories
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1. In the Notes section of Sheet L3.1, Fusion Solar Center, LLC (FSC) plans to install a 6-foot chain link fence with a two-inch mesh size and 1-foot of barbed wire on top. Did FSC consider a smaller mesh size as an anti-climbing measure?
2. Provide the estimated construction commencement and completion dates. Also provide the typical construction hours and days of the week, e.g. Monday through Saturday 7AM to 5PM.
3. Approximately when would the clearing portion of construction occur? How would the timing of the clearing fit in with the "General Breeding Bird Protection Measures" as referenced on Sheet C-2?
4. Would hayfield vegetation removal occur during the non-breeding season of the bobolink (i.e. September through April) as referenced on Sheet C-2?
5. Would construction commence prior to the January 28, 2017 expiration date of the most current Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) letter dated January 28, 2016?
6. Generally, what is the status of Eversource's distribution system upgrades to accommodate the solar facility, and would that impact FSC's construction and commissioning schedule?
7. Does the final panel count remain at approximately 97,000? Is the maximum alternating current (AC) power output still approximately 20 megawatts?