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November 16, 2015

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1195** - 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 4.05 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located on municipally-owned property at 1240 Poquonnock Road, Groton, Connecticut.

Comments have been received from the Town of Groton's Planning Commission and Wetlands Agency, dated November 13, 2015. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

MB/MP /lm

c: Council Members



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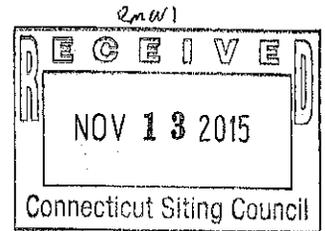
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Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Sq.
New Britain, CT 06051



Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: Petition #1195, SolarCity Corporation for the Location and Construction of a 4.05 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility at 1240 Poquonnock Road, Groton, Connecticut

PIN #: 169919614106 E

The Town of Groton Inland Wetlands Agency and the Planning Commission reviewed the above-referenced petition at their regular October and November meetings. The Planning Commission also attended the November 9, 2015 site walk. The Commission and the Agency would like to offer their comments for the record.

The Planning Commission reviewed Petition #1195 at their October 27, 2015 and November 10, 2015 meetings and noted the following concerns:

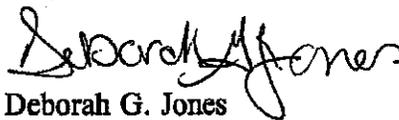
1. The hours of operation for driving the support posts should be reduced to 9 am and to 5 pm, 5 days a week, to limit the impact on the adjacent residential area.
2. Additional landscaping should be installed along the southeast border of the facility to buffer the adjacent residential area.
3. The Commission notes that the facility is located in the Water Resource Protection overlay district and appropriate measures should be taken to protect the drinking water resource, including measures to prohibit any hazardous materials from entering the watershed.

The Inland Wetlands Agency reviewed the petition at its meeting on October 28, 2015 and shares in the concerns set forth above as well as the following additional concerns:

1. The Agency feels that the distance of the panels from the reservoir and the wetlands is not sufficient to protect these resources.
2. The Agency is concerned that heated rainwater will be shed from the units and it will adversely impact the wetlands.

Thank you for the opportunity to address our concerns with the Siting Council.

Respectfully,



Deborah G. Jones
Assistant Director

Cc: Jonathan J. Reiner, Director
Mark Oefinger, Town Manager
Len Mediavilla, Groton Utilities