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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 21, 2016

Mario J. Tristany, Jr.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1220** - Windham Solar LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of three 2.0 Megawatt and one 1.0 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facilities located at 1219 and 1240 Voluntown Road, Griswold, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Tristany:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Griswold's correspondence dated April 20, 2016 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 under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda. If the Council decides to hold a public hearing, public notice of the hearing location, date and time will be provided.

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/MP/lm

c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members



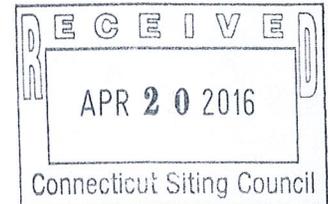
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20 April 2016

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Re: Ecos Energy Griswold Solar Petition No. 1220

Dear Melanie:

Please be advised that the Griswold Office of Planning and Community Development has received several calls and visits from residents of the Latham Drive neighborhood that is located west of the proposed Solar Farm proposed for 1219 Voluntown Road.

The main objection is the proposed clear cutting of the existing significant tree line located directly east of Latham Drive, and the tree line that buffers the properties off of Lee Avenue and Lewis Avenue. The Ecos site plan shows the clearing of the subject tree line in order to facilitate the construction of an access driveway to access the solar farm that abuts the hereinbefore mentioned properties.

It appears that a substantial portion of the subject tree line could be left in place simply by shifting the solar array layout further east and closer to the designated wetland area. The solar layout is slightly within the 150 ft. Upland Review Area that is normally regulated by the Griswold Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission for non-Siting Council applications. As the proposed solar farm development will not generate any pollutants, the 150 ft. wetland setback as shown on the Ecos Energy Site Plan dated 03/15/2016 could be reduced to 75 ft. or 100 ft., and still provide more than adequate protection to the inland wetland area that is east of the solar array.

For your information the Ecos Energy Solar project will be informally discussed at the upcoming April 21, 2016 Griswold Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission meeting. Any concerns generated by the Commission will be forwarded to you for the Siting Council's review.

In closing, I have attached an aerial photo of the Latham Drive, Voluntown Road and Hopeville Road areas. The photo shows the location of the Latham Drive existing tree line.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mario J. Tristany Jr.
Griswold Town Planner



MAINTAIN A 30 FT. EXISTING
TREE LINE BUFFER HERE

Latham Drive

MAINTAIN EXISTING TREE LINE
AND ADD SCREENING