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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 10, 2017

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood 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 a 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Michaud:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than October 24, 2017. 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.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: James J. Walker, Vice President, Ameresco, Inc.
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Project Alternatives

110. Which project alternatives, consistent with the Tri-State Clean Energy RFP (Tri-State RFP) requirements, were considered by Candlewood Solar LLC? For example, was a floating solar facility on Candlewood Lake considered, rather than a fixed facility on the ground?
111. Were any other raw land sites (consistent with Tri-State RFP requirements) considered? Were any of these sites already developed? Would any of those alternative sites potentially require less tree clearing than the proposed site and/or would avoid Natural Diversity Database areas? Provide the addresses of such raw land site alternatives and the reason(s) for rejection.
112. Were any brownfield sites considered? If yes, provide the addresses of such sites and the reason(s) for rejection.