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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 30, 2026

The Honorable Thomas Weik
First Selectman
Town of Morris
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1686** – Greenskies Clean Energy LLC Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 54 South Street, Morris, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear First Selectman Weik:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence on behalf of the Town of Morris (Town) concerning Petition No. 1686. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC (GCE) submitted Petition No. 1686 to the Council on August 12, 2025. The Council issued a Declaratory Ruling to GCE in Petition No. 1686 on February 6, 2026.

GCE provided written notice of the intent to file the petition for a declaratory ruling for the proposed solar facility to abutting property owners in March 2025 and offered an opportunity to address any questions or concerns from abutting property owners about the proposed solar facility.¹

On April 12, 2025, GCE met with the abutting property owners of 42 South Street to address concerns related to electric and magnetic fields (EMF), water runoff and fencing.

On August 11, 2025, consistent with Section 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, written notice of the intent to file the petition for a declaratory ruling was provided to the Council, the property owner of record, abutting property owners and the chief elected official of the municipality in which the proposed solar facility will be located.

On August 13, 2025, upon receipt of the petition for a declaratory ruling, the Council developed a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an opportunity to participate in the proceeding. This included, but was not limited to, setting a deadline for public comments, state agency comments and municipal comments of September 11, 2025; setting a date by which to render a final decision in the matter during a public meeting on September 18, 2025; issuing interrogatories to GCE related to the solar facility on January 6, 2026; and rendering a final decision with conditions on February 6, 2026.

¹ https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/3_petitions-medialibrary/petitions_medialibrary/mediapetitionnos1601-1700/pe1686/petitionersubmissions/pe1686_petitioner-letter-re-abutter-notice_032726_a.pdf?rev=eab085f203184548be65f5c319f3ae90&hash=56D4E303044947CC52992888F9A8358E

Also on August 13, 2025, the Council notified the Town of its receipt of the petition for a declaratory ruling for the solar facility and invited the Town to submit any questions or comments about the solar facility by September 11, 2025, in accordance with the proceeding schedule developed by the Council. No comments were received.

On August 29, 2025, while the state agency comment period was open, CEQ submitted comments on the solar facility. The Council acknowledged receipt of these comments.

Also on August 29, 2025, the abutting property owner of 72 South Street expressed concerns to GCE about water runoff and safety risks to horses.

On September 9, 2025, while the state agency comment period was open, DEEP submitted comments on the solar facility. The Council acknowledged receipt of these comments.

Also on September 9, 2025, while the public comment period was open, the Council received comments in opposition to the solar facility from Stephen Matoes, the abutting property owner at 68 Platt Farm Road.

On September 11, 2025, while the state agency comment period was open, DPH submitted comments on the solar facility. The Council acknowledged receipt of these comments.

Also on September 11, 2025, while the public comment period was open, the Council received comments from the following residents in opposition to the solar facility:

1. Scott Brady, abutting property owner at 38 South Street;
2. Leonard Burns, 155 South Street;
3. John Coyne, 31 Town Line Road;
4. Judy DeLorenzo, 60 Platt Farm Road;
5. Doreen Gagnon, 85 Town Line Road;
6. Rob Kearcher, abutting property owner at 86 South Street;
7. Wendy Olausson, 29 North Terrell Farm Road;
8. Melissa Seeley, abutting property owner at 72 South Street;
9. Mark and Michelle Zarella, abutting property owners at 42 South Street; and
10. Lori Lindenmuth, 174 East Street.

The Council acknowledged receipt of these comments.

On September 15, 2025, after the public comment period had closed, the Council received comments in support of the solar facility from 7 residents. The Council acknowledged receipt of these comments.

On December 15, 2025, a community meeting was scheduled with GCE but not held. The meeting was to be rescheduled to a date in 2026.

During a public meeting held on February 5, 2026, the Council rendered a final decision on Petition No. 1686 to issue a Declaratory Ruling to GCE for the solar facility.

On March 2, 18, 25 and 30, 2026, the Council received several comments in opposition to the solar facility. Some of these comment letters were authored by the same residents who submitted comments on the solar facility while the public comment period for Petition No. 1686 was open.

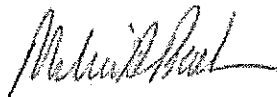
In reaching a final decision on a petition for a declaratory ruling, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner,

parties and intervenors, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at <https://portal.ct.gov/csc> under the "Decisions" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and meeting agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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- c. Council Members
Service List, dated August 12, 2025

From: 1st Selectman <1stselectman@morrisct.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 7:47 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; Fontaine, Lisa <Lisa.Fontaine@ct.gov>
Cc: Selectmen Morris <selectmen@morrisct.gov>
Subject: Re: Solar Arrays in Morris

Good Morning,
I am following up on my previous email and would like to hear your thoughts on the points I raised.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
Tom Weik
First Selectman, Morris

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 11:19 AM 1st Selectman <1stselectman@morrisct.gov> wrote:
Petition No. 1686
Greenskies Clean Energy LLC
Petition for a Declaratory Ruling Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§4-176 and 16-50k

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

On behalf of the Town of Morris, I am writing regarding Petition No. 1686, filed by Greenskies Clean Energy LLC, for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 54 South Street in Morris, Connecticut, including associated electrical interconnection.

Upon review of the petition and its supporting documentation, the Town has identified potential deficiencies related to the applicant's compliance with the notice requirements set forth in Connecticut General Statutes §16-50l and the Council's established procedures for notifying abutting property owners.

Specifically, the Town learned of at least two abutting property owners who report that they did not receive notice of the petition. In addition, it appears that the White Memorial Foundation, which owns property directly abutting the western boundary of the proposed project site, was not included on the abutter list provided in the petition materials.

As the Council is aware, proper identification and notification of all abutting property owners is a required component of a complete petition and is essential to ensuring that all interested and affected parties have an opportunity to participate in the Council's review process.

Given these concerns, the Town respectfully requests that the Council review the adequacy of the petitioner's compliance with statutory notice requirements. If deficiencies are confirmed, the Town requests that the Council require the petitioner to provide proper notice to all abutters and allow sufficient time for response before allowing the project to proceed.

The Town of Morris appreciates the Council's attention to ensuring that all procedural requirements are fully satisfied and that the integrity of the review process is maintained.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Thomas Weik
First Selectman
Town of Morris
Cc: Lisa Fontaine

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