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Subject: Hearing on Solar Siting 3/24/15

Katie, I wanted to provide comment regarding current regulations for solar siting in the state. As a member of the New Haven Planning Commission, we have seen many proposals and applications slated for our town. I would like to ask that the committees consider two main issues that are causing frustration primarily with the up to 150kW applications.

1. The 30 day decision by the PSB is too short. This does not allow enough time for volunteer boards, meeting once a month to provide comment. It is also not enough time for adjoining property owners to respond. The application is often the first time that they are learning about these projects.
2. Siting is often insensitive and does not duly consider the adjoining property owners. In two situations in New Haven, we have seen arrays sited on the edges of project land owners property, away from their homes and on the property lines of adjacent land owners, very close to their homes, creating a greater negative impact on adjoining land owner than on the project land owner. As these projects can be placed on small pieces of land often times there is no satisfactory siting when multiple adjoining property owners are involved. Some applications should not be approved.

There certainly are many other issues. I have chosen these because I feel they represent a majority of the projects. I appreciate your consideration of these comments and am happy to discuss in further detail.

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