

Office of Community Planning and Development

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Lisa Heavner, First Selectman Town of Simsbury 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury Connecticut 06070

**Re:** Deepwater Wind LLC, Petition 1313 Ct Siting Council

The Simsbury Design Review Board reviewed and discussed the Connecticut Siting Council Petition 1313 of Deepwater Wind LLC (Tobacco Valley Solar) at the July 24, 2017 special meeting. Commissioner Laschever made the following motion which was seconded by Commissioner Frank that the Design Review Board makes the following recommendation regarding CT Siting Council Petition of Deepwater Wind to the Board of Selectmen:

The fencing screening along Hoskins Road not be monolithic height. A greater emphasis is inclusion of evergreen clusters or extended deciduous tree canopy to over time grow in and continue to shield the fence. Some kind of combination of fence and vegetative berm be used where ever possible so that they (Deepwater Wind LLC) actually come in with a plan that addresses the very real concern of the sight lines of the travelers and residents in that area.

On behalf of the Design Review Board, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for requesting input from the Commission. As a board, we look forward to future discussion with the Board of Selectmen on this and other matters.

Very Truly Yours,

Jenifer Murnane Chairman Simsbury Design Review Board

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