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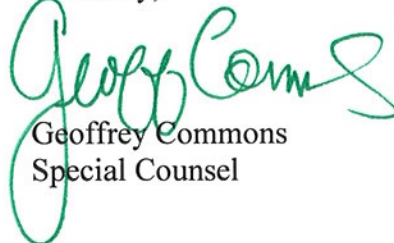
**Re: Section 4352 Determination Request**

Dear Ms. Barrett:

Enclosed please find the Determination of the Public Service Department regarding the energy compliance of the New Haven Town Plan with Act 174 of 2016. The New Haven Town Plan was found not to qualify for an affirmative determination under 24 V.S.A. § 4352(g). While this outcome is clearly not what New Haven hoped for, the Commissioner has asked me to convey that New Haven's planning work to date as reflected in the Plan has been impressive and significant, and that the Department has certainly gained a better appreciation of the Town's concerns and the challenges it faces. As described further in the enclosed document, the Department will have the Town's concerns in mind when evaluating any new petitions for solar facilities in New Haven. The Department stands ready to assist New Haven in revising the Plan for a future determination of compliance, and very much hopes the Town will choose to pursue this route.

The Department looks forward to working with the Town to achieve a more positive next outcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Commons  
Special Counsel

Enclosure:  
DPS Energy Compliance Determination

