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My comment relates to energy output from large grid based solar. Everything within the process seems geared toward moving forward without stepping back and taking a hard look at whether these projects have been or will be truly effective at reducing our carbon footprint for the energy produced or land area consumed. I'm not convinced we know this answer. As of this writing only a handful of the existing solar sites in Connecticut have submitted their required energy forecast reports, of those only a fraction answered the questions about their actual annual output. We need real numbers to know if this will work and how much land it will take. Possibly adding the words *ensure effective carbon reduction* somewhere within the objectives would start the conversation.

Thank you,

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