

Tim Carroll

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To: Bill Bennett
Cc: Tim Carroll; Mark London; Chris Murphy
Subject: Authorization request to Selectmen re Cronig's Solar DRI
Attachments: Request for Determination by Municipal Appointing Authority_bennett2012.pdf; Ethics Cmsn Form - Disclosure Request for Determination.pdf

Hi, Bill

MVC Counsel has been pressing the State Ethics Commission for its written opinion concerning the ethical question of how the Cronig's Solar DRI request, in which Vineyard Power is a principal partner, can be reviewed by the MVC when most of the Commissioners are members of Vineyard Power. It has been suggested that rather than wait until we receive word from the ethics commission, we prepare now for the possible decision that elected commissioners will have to get authorization from their appointing boards to act on this development request. While it is possible the ethics commission will find the commissioners need not do anything to proceed with its review – that there is no ethics conflict – it does no harm to be prepared should the opinion be otherwise.

Attached are the ethics committee's form and a letter prepared by MVC Counsel on your behalf requesting authorization from the Board of Selectmen. Please sign the letter and forward it to the town for its action. Note that I have copied Executive Secretary Tim Carroll so he can schedule this matter at the earliest selectmen's meeting. The earliest the MVC might consider the Cronig's Solar request is March 8.

Call Mark or me if you have any questions. Thanks.

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