Thank you for offering the Department of Revenue Services the opportunity to review and comment upon the Tax Revenue Calculator developed by Navigant Consulting as the official method to assess tax revenue for the State of Connecticut by investments and co-investments mobilized by the Green Bank.

My team and I have carefully reviewed the documents you provided, including your memo of January 24, 2018 and the Tax Revenue Calculator Final Report issued March 28, 2018. It is the analysis of this Agency that the methodology employed by Navigant Consulting represents a fair and reasonable approach to capturing the financial benefits of Green Bank investments derived by the State. The analysis of DRS is confined to the arena of tax revenue; additional accrued community and societal benefits have not been incorporated into our analysis.

The Tax Revenue Calculator accurately reflects contemporary tax types, rates, and exemptions although it is my recommendation that, as long as the calculator is employed, the Green Bank confirm such tax types, rates, and exemptions at the conclusion of any legislative session. Additionally, you may wish to validate with the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Office of Research on an annual basis the “Average Direct Wage” identified for the various projects and installations.

In summary, DRS believes that the material provided is focused and illustrative and the estimates provided by the Tax Revenue Calculator are reasonable.