

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

GRE GACRUX LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy’s existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Petition No. 1347A

June 18, 2020

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HEARING INFORMATION OF GRE GACRUX LLC**

In anticipation of the June 25, 2020 Rescheduled Public Hearing using Zoom Conferencing (the “Hearing”) for the above-referenced Petition, GRE GACRUX LLC (“GRE”; or the “Petitioner”) hereby submits the following Hearing information to the Connecticut Siting Council (the “Council”):

Counsel Appearing at the Hearing

Counsel appearing on behalf of GRE will be Lee D. Hoffman, Esq. of Pullman & Comley, LLC.

List of Witnesses

- 1. Jean-Paul La Marche, *Director of Project Development*, Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC (“Greenskies”)**

Jean-Paul leads the land and project development team in completing on-site development and environmental studies, project designs, interconnection studies, and permitting for ground-mounted solar projects ranging from 1 MW to 90 MW.

Jean-Paul brings over 10 years of leadership experience in engineering, development, and operations. He has worked in the solar industry since 2008, first at an EPC firm and later two start-up development companies. Previously, Jean-Paul was the Director of Engineering and Development for SunShare, where he developed large portfolios of distributed generation projects in Minnesota and Colorado. Prior to SunShare, Jean-Paul ran engineering and design for Main Street Power. He developed all the design tools and systems as well as managed all project engineering for the company starting with the first project until Main Street Power was purchased by AES. Jean-Paul has also worked on the construction side, installing small scale rooftop and ground-mount PV and wind energy systems.

Jean-Paul earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, San Diego.

2. Ryan Linares, *Vice President - Business Development & Land Acquisitions*, Greenskies

Ryan Linares leads the real estate acquisition team for Greenskies. He brings over 10 years of development experience between the renewable energy and commercial real estate sector. Ryan is responsible for bringing in new land opportunities as well as negotiate land lease and land purchase agreements. Every new land position that is brought into Greenskies goes through a series of stress tests internally to insure that the property will be sufficient for solar energy development and that it meets all federal, state and local regulations. Ryan has successfully developed projects from 1 MW to 20 MWs in size throughout the United States.

Prior to Greenskies, Ryan worked in the Commercial Real Estate sector, representing and developing projects for national retailers throughout the northeast region. Ryan holds a B.A. from the University of Tampa.

3. Jeffrey Shamas, *Director - Environmental Services, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.* (“VHB”)

Jeff is the Director of VHB’s Connecticut and Western Massachusetts environmental services practice. He has over 30 years of experience managing projects in the energy/utility, real estate, transportation, institutional, and government market sectors. His professional experience includes environmental siting/planning/permitting, natural resource assessments including wetlands, mitigation, vernal pool and rare species surveys, and NEPA/CEPA document completion. He has also provided state and federal expert testimony. Jeff is a certified Ecologist, Senior Professional Wetland Scientist, and Soil Scientist. Previously, he served as the Environmental Planner for the Town of Stratford and has recently been appointed to the State Working & Natural Lands Subcommittee of the Governor’s Council on Climate Change.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Ecology, Johnson State College, 1989.

University of Massachusetts-Plant and Soil Science Graduate course work, 2000-2001

Registrations/Certifications

Senior Professional Wetland Scientist

Certified Ecologist (The Ecological Society of America)

Certified Soil Scientist

4. Steve Kochis, *Professional Engineer, VHB*

Steve is a Senior Project Engineer with VHB. He has over 15 years of experience managing and designing land use projects in the energy/utility, real estate, transportation, institutional, and government market sectors. His professional experience includes land use planning and permitting, hydrologic and hydraulic studies, storm and sewer design, utility layout, construction monitoring, and sediment and erosion control. He has worked on various types

of projects including roadway reconstruction, coastal redevelopments, flood control, drainage studies, and both large-scale and small-scale residential and commercial developments. Steve is a certified Professional Engineer in Connecticut.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Connecticut, 2005.

Registrations/Certifications

Professional Engineer, Connecticut, as of June 2010

Documents to be Administratively Noticed

The Petitioner proposes to supplement the list of Documents to be Administratively Noticed with the following:

1. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Natural Resources Conservation Service, *TR-55 Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds*, Second Ed., June 1986, available at, https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1044171.pdf
2. MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY, *The Minnesota Stormwater Manual*, Version 1.0, November 2005, available at, <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-manual.html>

Exhibits to be Offered

The Petitioner does not intend to offer any exhibits other than the materials that have already been submitted as part of the record in this Petition, such as the Petition itself, responses to interrogatories, etc. However, contemporaneously with this filing, Petitioner is submitting the pre-filed testimony of Steve Kochis, including exhibits attached thereto.

Additional Exhibits

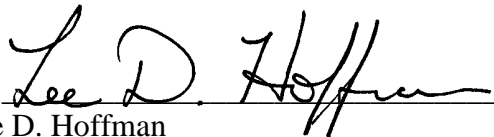
The Petitioner reserves the to offer additional exhibits, testimony, and witnesses as may be necessary during the Hearing in response to issues raised by the Council and/or other parties in this Petition.

Request of Save the River-Save the Hills for Party Status

Save the River-Save the Hills, currently an intervenor in this proceeding, has requested party status for this Petition. The Petitioner takes no position on this request and leaves it to the Siting Council to make a determination on this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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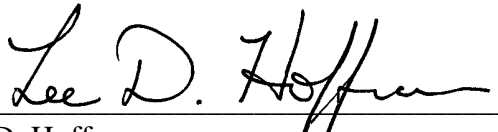
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