



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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February 28, 2020

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1347A** - 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).

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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c: Secretary of the State
Council Members
Service List
BCT Reporting LLC
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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176 and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, beginning with an evidentiary session at 3:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m., at the Waterford Town Hall Auditorium, 15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on the reopening of a petition from GRE GACRUX LLC 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, based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

On February 27, 2020, the Council, pursuant to a request filed by GRE GACRUX, LLC, reopened this petition. The reopening will allow the Council to consider changed conditions. The 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the petitioner, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 6:30 p.m. public comment session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by March 24, 2020. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before March 24, 2020.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person after 30 days following the close of the evidentiary record, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made and deposited with the Waterford Town Clerk's office for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by March 24, 2020.

The petitioner is represented by the following:

Petitioner

GRE GACRUX, LLC

Its Representative

Lee D. Hoffman, Esq.
Pullman & Comley, LLC
90 State House Square
Hartford, CT 06103-3702

A copy of the petition is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on Council website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this proceeding Petition No. 1347A.

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FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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During a public meeting held on February 27, 2020, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) voted to hold a public hearing on the above-referenced reopened petition for a declaratory ruling in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and 4-181a(b).

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40, the Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling. Your response on or before March 24, 2020 would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the petition for a declaratory ruling is pending until the evidentiary record closes.

You may access the Motion to Reopen, the petition for a declaratory ruling and other documents for this proceeding, including the schedule, on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Matters."

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
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New London, CT 06320-1231
legal@theday.com

FROM: Lisa A. Mathews, Office Assistant *LAM*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1347A** - 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).

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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The Honorable Robert J. Brule
First Selectman
Waterford Town Hall
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

RE: **PETITION NO. 1347A** – 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).

Dear Mr. Brule:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) scheduled a public hearing in the Town of Waterford in connection with the above-referenced matter on March 31, 2020. Based on the nature of this petition for a declaratory ruling and requests received, the Council voted to hold a public hearing, although it is not required by law. The Town of Waterford was granted party status in the original petition submission on the above-referenced matter in 2018 and retains party status in the reopened proceeding. If you would like to update the Town of Waterford's contact information on the attached service list, please submit your changes via e-mail to siting.council@ct.gov.

A public inspection of the site and at least one public hearing will be held in the host municipality to hear concerns from residents. Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event you have legal or procedural questions, please contact our me at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Kathleen Peterson
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1347A** - 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).

Dear Ms. Peterson:

Confirming yesterday's telephone conversation, I appreciate the reservation of the Waterford Town Hall Auditorium for a public hearing on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements. Please contact me if the town cannot accommodate the attached meeting layout.

If any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Mathews
Office Assistant

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Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

X
Table
for
Court
Reporter
& Audio
Tech
X
(x =
chairs)

Party Table X
(seating for X
four) X
(x = chairs) X
X

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

X X X X X

Podium for
public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)