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August 27, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1410** - Greenskies Clean Energy, 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on two parcels at the Elmridge Golf Course located to the east and west of North Anguilla Road at the intersection with Elmridge Road, Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

I. Introduction

The petition is from Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.0-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on two parcels at the Elmridge Golf Course in the Town of Stonington, Connecticut.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council's guide for *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling for a Renewable Energy Facility* dated August 2016, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, and the environmental effects of the proposed construction. The petition meets statutory and regulatory technical requirements for processing the petition. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-39 have been fulfilled.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-176(e), within 60 days after receipt of a petition for a declaratory ruling, an agency in writing shall: (1) issue a declaratory ruling; (2) hold a public hearing on the matter; (3) decide to issue a declaratory ruling by a specified date; (4) decide to initiate regulation making proceedings; or (5) decide not to issue a declaratory ruling.

In response to requests for a public hearing on this petition, the Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on August 13, 2020. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on October 1, 2020 and depositing the transcript in the Stonington Town Hall.

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Enclosure: Schedule



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SCHEDULE

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Petition received	06/04/20
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set One Issued• Set One Responses due	07/02/20 07/23/20
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	08/13/20
Pre-hearing teleconference (11:00 a.m.)	09/09/20
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	09/17/20
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	09/24/20
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/24/20
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1410 project webpage for Zoom conferencing log in/call in)</i>	10/01/20
Continued Public Hearing Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	10/01/20
Close of Public Comment Record	10/31/20
Draft Findings of Fact	11/05/20
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	11/19/20
Deadline for Decision	12/01/20
90-day extension of Deadline for Decision per Executive Order No. 7M	03/01/21

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