

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

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 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at Mulinite Farms, Inc. off Barber Hill Road west of the intersection with Rockville Road, East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Petition No. 1422

February 16, 2021

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HEARING INFORMATION OF GREENSKIES CLEAN ENERGY, LLC**

In anticipation of the February 23, 2021 Public Hearing using Zoom Conferencing (the “Hearing”) for the above-referenced Petition, Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC (“Greenskies” 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 Greenskies will be Lee D. Hoffman of Pullman & Comley, LLC.

List of Witnesses

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

Mr. La Marche 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.

Mr. La Marche 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, Mr. La Marche 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, Mr. La Marche 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. Mr. La Marche has also worked on the construction side, installing small scale rooftop and ground-mount PV and wind energy systems.

Mr. La Marche earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, San Diego.

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

Jeff Shamas 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. Mr. Shamas 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

3. Steve Kochis, *Professional Engineer, VHB*

Steve Kochis 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. Mr. Kochis 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

4. Evan Miller, *Landscape Architecture and Planning, VHB*

Evan Miller has over fifteen years of experience in landscape architecture and planning. Mr. Miller provides design, management, and hand-rendered and computer-generated graphics for landscape architecture and planning projects in a variety of project disciplines including university and campus design, commercial, mixed-use, office and institutional projects, healthcare facilities, TOD transit-oriented design, streetscape, and parks and recreation design.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in History, Gettysburg College, 2000

Master of Landscape Architecture, North Carolina State University, 2005

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.

Public Information Session

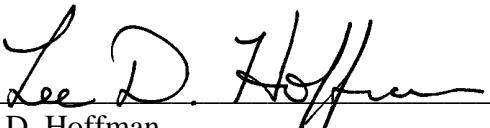
For the public information session in the evening, Mr. La Marche will explain the project to the members of the public briefly. For the figure to be used in the hearing, please use the Proposed Project Layout figure, which can be found at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/3_Petitions-medialibrary/Petitions_MediaLibrary/MediaPetitionNos1421-1430/PE1422/PetitionerSubmissions/Petition/Figure-7--Proposed-Project-Layout.pdf

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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