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Hearing Program
Petition No. 1443A
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
2:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.
Zoom Remote Public Hearing

- I. Opening by Council
 - A. Statement read by Presiding Officer.
 - B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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- C. State Agency comments
 - 1. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Comments, dated February 7, 2022
- D. Municipal comments
 - 1. Town of North Stonington Comments on Request to Reopen, dated December 14, 2021

II. Appearance by Petitioner: SR North Stonington, LLC (SRNS)

Representatives: Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Jonathan H. Schaefer, Esq.

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- A. Administrative Notice.
- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - Motion to Reopen based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b) on Petition for a Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 9.9megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on five parcels located north and south of Providence New London Turnpike (State Route 184), west of Boombridge Road and north of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, Connecticut, dated December 1, 2021, and attachments.
 - 2. Petitioner Sign Posting Affidavit, dated January 28, 2022
 - 3. Petitioner Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated February 8, 2022
- C. Swear Witnesses
 - 1. Peter Candelaria, P.E., Chief Operating Officer, Silicon Ranch
 - 2. Ali Weaver, Director, Project Development, Silicon Ranch
 - 3. Dean Gustafson, Manager, Natural Resources, All-Points Technology Corp. P.C.
 - 4. Matt Brawley, Senior Civil Engineer, HDR
 - 5. Vincent Ginter, P. Eng., M. Sc., Urban Solution Group
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
 - 2. Town of North Stonington

III. Appearance by Party: Town of North Stoning	Town of North Sto	Appearance by Party:	II.
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- IV. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.