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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 21, 2024

TO:

Service List, dated May 24, 2024

FROM:

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 522 – Stafford Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 92 Upper Road, Stafford,

Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

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

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c: Secretary of the State Council Members Application Service Recipients A Plus Reporting Service, LLC Date: June 20, 2024 Docket No. 522 Page 1 of 1

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS $\underline{SERVICE\ LIST}$

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	⊠ E-mail	Stafford Solar One, LLC	Lee D. Hoffman, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC 90 State House Square Hartford, CT 06103-3702 lhoffman@pullcom.com (860) 424-4315 Bradley Parsons Stafford Solar One, LLC 124 LaSalle Road, 2nd Floor West Hartford, CT 06107 bparsons@verogy.com (860) 288-7215 ext. 715 Bryan Fitzgerald Stafford Solar One, LLC 124 LaSalle Road, 2nd Floor West Hartford, CT 06107 bfitzgerald@verogy.com (203) 257-3375 James Cerkanowicz Stafford Solar One, LLC 124 LaSalle Road, 2nd Floor West Hartford, CT 06107 jcerkanowicz@verogy.com (860) 288-7215
Party (granted on 06/20/2024)	⊠ E-mail	Department of Agriculture	Carole Briggs, Esq. Department of Agriculture Office of the Commissioner 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 701 Hartford, CT 06103 Carole.briggs.@ct.gov (860) 883-8765



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on Thursday, August 22, 2024, beginning with an evidentiary session at 2:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be on an application from Stafford Solar One, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 92 Upper Road, Stafford, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence on the applicant's assertions that the public benefit for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility. The 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the applicant, parties and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.** The 6:30 p.m. public comment session is reserved for the public to make statements into the record. Public statements are limited to 3 minutes. During the 6:30 p.m. public comment session, the applicant will present an overview of the proposed facility.

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86898146803?pwd=Z9BZpP86hcEDE6qzN97ISjKLD2BKXt.1 from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID# 868 9814 6803 and Passcode: NR84qZ**No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at 1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 868 9814 6803 and Passcode: 404712** from a telephone.

Interested persons may join any session to listen, but must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session.

To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to siting.council@ct.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by **August 21, 2024**. To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **August 21, 2024**. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by electronic mail or by regular mail.

Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.

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 electronically with the Council and all parties and intervenors by August 15, 2024.

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 siting.council@ct.gov, on or before August 15, 2024.

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. No written statement or any other information will be accepted after 30 days of the close of the evidentiary record, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be posted on the Council's project webpage and deposited in the Stafford 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 August 15, 2024.

Information about how the public hearing will be conducted and how the public can access it will be posted on the Council's Docket No. 522 project webpage at the following link: https://portal.ct.gov/csc/1_applications-and-other-pending-matters/pending-matters

The applicant is represented by the following:

Applicant Applicant

Stafford Solar One, LLC

Its Representative

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

A copy of the application is available for review on the Council's website at <u>portal.ct.gov/csc</u> under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 522.

Instructions for Public Access Docket No. 522 Remote Public Hearing August 22, 2024 Evidentiary Session at 2 PM Public Comment Session at 6:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE:

- Interested persons may join any session to listen, but you must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session
- Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.
- All participants are requested to mute sound notifications on their computer, smartphone or tablet. Telephones are often equipped with a "do not disturb" feature for the dial-in option.

A. Evidentiary Session – 2 PM

- Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86898146803?pwd=Z9BZpP86hcEDE6qzN97ISjKLD2BKXt.1 from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 868 9814 6803 and Passcode:** NR84qZ No prior software download is required.
- 2. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at 1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID: 868 9814 6803 and Passcode: 404712 from a telephone.
- 3. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order of party appearances and cross examination governed by the Hearing Program.
- 4. No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.

B. Public Comment Session – 6:30 PM

- Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86898146803?pwd=Z9BZpP86hcEDE6qzN97ISjKLD2BKXt.1 from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Meeting ID: 868 9814 6803 and Passcode: NR84qZ No prior software download is required.
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- 3. You must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session. Statements will be limited to 3 minutes.
 - a. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to siting.council@ct.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by **August 21, 2024**.
 - b. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **August 21, 2024**.
- 4. If the email and name of the person or the phone number and name of the person is not provided in writing to the Council in advance, they will not be admitted into the meeting.
- 5. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order in which people are signed up to speak.





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June 21, 2024

TO: Commissioner Katie Dykes

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Commissioner Daniel O'Keefe Department of Economic and Community Development

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Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo Department of Labor

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

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Kevin Dillon, Executive Director Connecticut Airport Authority

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Commissioner Michelle Gilman Department of Administrative Services

Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

RE: **DOCKET NO. 522** – Stafford Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 92 Upper Road, Stafford, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits written comments on the above-referenced application. A response by August 15, 2024 would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the application is pending until the evidentiary record closes.

You may access the application and other documents for this proceeding, including the application schedule, on our website at <u>portal.ct.gov/csc</u> under the link "Pending Matters."

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June 21, 2024

The Honorable William Morrison First Selectperson Town of Stafford Warren Memorial Town Hall One Main Street Stafford Springs, CT 06076 staffordtownhall@staffordct.org

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Dear First Selectperson Morrison:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50m and §1-225a, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled the public hearing in connection with the above-referenced matter as a **remote public hearing via Zoom Conferencing to be held on August 22, 2024**. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50m, at least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public.

The Council invites municipal participation at the public hearing. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary session, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session or submit written statements to the Council at any time up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event that you have legal questions, please contact 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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June 21, 2024

TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor

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The Journal Inquirer 306 Progress Drive

Manchester, CT 06045-0510 legals@journalinguirer.com

FROM: Lisa A. Fontaine, Fiscal Administrative Officer

RE: **DOCKET NO. 522** – Stafford Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of

Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating

facility and associated equipment located at 92 Upper Road, Stafford,

Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

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

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than <u>TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE</u>. 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 respond to <u>siting.council@ct.gov</u> with the quote at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council

10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

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