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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 10, 2025

TO: Service List, dated October 2, 2025

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

NAB

RE: **DOCKET NO. 492A** - Gravel Pit Solar Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 120-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on eight parcels generally located to the east and west of the Amtrak and Connecticut Rail Line, south of Apothecaries Hall Road and north of the South Windsor town boundary in East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. **Reopening of this Certificate based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).**

Motions and Requests

During the evidentiary hearing session held on October 9, 2025 for the above-referenced matter, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) ruled on the following motion and requests:

1. **Certificate Holder Motion for Protective Order – Response to Council Interrogatory Nos. 13 and 16 – Project Cost and Lease/Option/Easement Agreements Financial Terms, dated October 2, 2025.**

The motion was granted.

2. **Town of East Windsor Requests for the Council to take Administrative Notice, dated October 2, 2025**

The requests for *the Council* to take administrative notice of unspecified solar facility decisions and for *the Council* to take administrative notice of 6 specific items were denied and the 6 specific items, along with any additional specific items the Town of East Windsor may seek to include, be added to the Town's Administrative Notice list as outlined in the October 9, 2025 hearing program.

Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing

The Council shall continue the evidentiary hearing for the above-referenced proceeding on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**, via Zoom conferencing, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** A copy of the Instructions for Public Access to the Continued Evidentiary Hearing is attached.

The hearing shall commence with the appearance of the Certificate Holder for continued cross examination by the Town on all exhibits, followed by cross examination of the Certificate Holder by the parties and intervenors in the order listed in the hearing program, followed by cross examination of the Certificate Holder by the Council on the new exhibits.

The hearing shall thereafter proceed with the appearances of the parties and intervenors in the order listed in the hearing program for cross examination by the Council, the Certificate Holder, and all other parties and intervenors.

Certificate Holder's Late-Filed Exhibits

During the October 9, 2025 evidentiary hearing session, the Council requested the Certificate Holder to submit the following late-filed exhibits:

1. Revised Site Plan from response to Council interrogatory 20, Exhibit E with the expansion parcels labeled 1 through 15 using the same numbering scheme as the Abutter List and Notice, Exhibit D of the Motion to Reopen, with a corresponding table or text attachment summarizing the Council-jurisdictional features related to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50p associated with each parcel, including, but not limited to, the megawatt AC of solar capacity to be located on each parcel;
2. Status of the 11 outstanding return/receipt certified mailings;
3. Aerial map depicting the proposed expanded facility with the general party/intervenor locations identified;
4. Type of transformer oil for the medium voltage transformers, secondary containment measures, and any low oil alarms;
5. Revised Response to Council Interrogatory 18, Exhibit D - Markowski Property Map with correct distance between the proposed fence and the 40 Graham Road property line; and
6. The low-side AC line voltage (from the inverters) that enters the medium voltage transformer before being converted to 34.5-kV.

The Council requests these late-filed exhibits be submitted to the Council before the close of business on **November 6, 2025**.

To save the time and expense of the parties, intervenors and the public, and to conclude this proceeding in a timely fashion, the Council requests that all parties and intervenors submit additional interrogatories to the Certificate Holder and other parties and intervenors before the close of business on **October 23, 2025**. Interrogatory responses and additional pre-filed testimony are to be submitted to the Council before the close of business on **November 6, 2025**. This includes the original and 15 hard copies.

Please be advised that the close of business at the Council office is 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Direct testimony at the hearings is not permitted. This applies to all parties and intervenors.

The **final deadline** for submission of pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories is **November 6, 2025**.

Council Request for Extension of Time to Render a Final Decision

The Council reopened the Certificate for this facility on May 15, 2025. The current deadline for a final decision on the proposed facility expansion is November 11, 2025. Due to the scheduling of an additional evidentiary hearing on this matter, the Council will need additional time to render a final decision.

Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §16-50p(a) states, in part, "The Council's decision shall be rendered... Not later than one hundred eighty days after the filing of an application... provided the Council may extend such period by not more than one hundred eighty days **with the consent of the applicant.**" (Emphasis added).

Pursuant to CGS §16-50p(a), the Council hereby requests consent from Gravel Pit Solar for an extension of the final decision deadline in Docket No. 492A until May 10, 2026. Please respond in writing by **October 16, 2025**.

We thank you in advance for your timely response to this matter.

If you have any questions about Council procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Council office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you.

MAB/MP/laf

Enclosures: Schedule, dated October 10, 2025
 Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 492A Continued Evidentiary Hearing
 Session

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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Motion to Reopen filed with the Council by Gravel Pit Solar	04/29/2025
Motion to Reopen granted by the Council	05/15/2025
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issued• Responses due• Responses due w/Extension	09/17/2025 10/02/2025 10/23/2025
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	09/10/2025
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	09/25/2025
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	10/02/2025
Deadline for State Agency Comments	10/02/2025
Deadline for Municipal Comments	10/02/2025
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	10/02/2025
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing	10/09/2025
Final Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	10/21/2025
Final Deadline for pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	11/04/2025
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing (refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 492A project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	11/18/2025
Close of Evidentiary Record	TBD
Deadline for Party and Intervenor Post Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	TBD
Close of Public Comment Period	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD
Deadline for Final Decision	11/11/2025

Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 492A Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session – November 18, 2025 – 2 PM

PLEASE NOTE:

- Interested persons may join the continued evidentiary session to listen, but **no public comments will be received** during the continued evidentiary session. Public comments may be submitted to the Council by email at siting.council@ct.gov or by regular mail.
- Any person may be removed from the remote continued evidentiary 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.

Access to Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87549540484?pwd=Q8H10t1k2yeXO7mAQMfDja13f4aTjZ.1>
from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required.
Meeting ID: 875 4954 0484 and Passcode: z0HV7z
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: 875 4954 0484 and Passcode: 165613** 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 continued evidentiary hearing session.**