

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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December 14, 2012

TO:

Parties and Intervenors

State Agencies, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50j(h)

Commissioner Reuben F. Bradford, DESPP, pursuant to RCSA 16-50j-12

FROM:

Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE:

**PETITION NO. 1042** – Somers Solar Center, LLC Petition for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic

Project located at 458 & 488 South Road, Somers, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

Pursuant to General Statutes §16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits state agency written comments and consultation. Please respond on or before January 8, 2013. A copy of the petition with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l. You may access the petition and other documents from this proceeding on our website at <a href="https://www.ct.gov/csc">www.ct.gov/csc</a> under the link "Pending Proceedings."

#### LR/cm

Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State (via e-mail service)
Assistant Attorney General's Office
Melanie A. Bachman, Staff Attorney
Application Service Recipients
Ruth Girolomo, Post Reporting Services
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#### HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Somers Town Hall, Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on a petition from Somers Solar Center, LLC for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Project located at 458 & 488 South Road, Somers, Connecticut.

The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the petitioner, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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 will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by January 8, 2013. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

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 the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before January 8, 2013.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

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 hearing. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office at the Somers and Ellington Town Halls for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by January 8, 2013.

The petitioner of this facility is represented by the following:

#### Petitioner

### Its Representative

Somers Solar Center, LLC

Joey Lee Miranda, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103-3597

A copy of the petition is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on Council website at <a href="http://www.ct.gov/csc">http://www.ct.gov/csc</a> under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this proceeding petition no. 1042.

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