

PETITION NO. 1310A – Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes

*Connecticut
Siting
Council*

**PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING QUINEBAUG SOLAR LLC’S PROVISION
OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, Quinebaug Solar, LLC (the “Company”) has been required to provide the Connecticut Siting Council (the “Council”) with certain cost information related to the construction of the above-referenced facility (the “Confidential Information”) that would result in the disclosure of commercially valuable financial information that is given in confidence and not required by statute to be filed in the public record, and/or which information the Company contends constitutes a trade secret within the meaning of Connecticut General Statutes § 1-210(b)(5);

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered, that the following procedures are adopted for the protection of the Confidential Information provided by the Company:

1. All Confidential Information provided by the Company, whether in documentary form or otherwise, shall be identified as follows: “Quinebaug Solar, LLC Confidential Cost Information”, and will be governed by the terms of this Order. This Order is applicable to all such Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, data, testimony, studies, or otherwise.

2. All Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Order shall be given to Members and staff of the Council, upon execution of the Acknowledgment referenced

below (each a “Signatory” and collectively, the “Signatories”). Any parties to Petition 1310A will separately be provided the Confidential Information upon (i) consent of the Company and (ii) execution of the Nondisclosure Agreement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (each also a “Signatory” and collectively, the “Signatories”).

3. Upon execution of the Nondisclosure Agreement, Confidential Information will be marked as such and delivered in sealed envelopes to the Council. A statement in the following form shall be placed prominently on each envelope:

CONFIDENTIAL-PROPRIETARY - PETITION 1310A

This envelope is not to be opened nor the contents to be displayed or revealed except pursuant to the pertinent Protective Order issued in Petition 1310A.

4. Any Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Order shall be part of the record in the docket cited above, subject to the same relevancy and other evidentiary considerations as non-confidential information and subject to the conditions stated in Paragraphs Five and Six of this Order.

5. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any interrogatory, letter, petition, brief or other writing (each a “Document”), all reference to the Confidential Information in the Document shall be either:

- a) in a separate document, prominently labeled “Proprietary Information”, which document shall be safeguarded in accordance with the Order and distributed only to Members and staff of the Council, and to Signatories; or
- b) solely by title or exhibit reference in a manner reasonably calculated not to disclose the Confidential Information.

6. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any Council proceeding or during the course of a public hearing before the Council (a “Hearing”), the Hearing shall not be held before, nor any record of it made available to, any party or other

person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate representatives of the Council. No record shall be disclosed, nor any communication made, of use of the Confidential Information in the Hearing to any person or entity not a Signatory, Member of the Council or Council staff. Any transcript or other recording of the Hearing that relates to the Confidential Information shall be placed in sealed envelopes or containers and a statement in the following form shall be placed prominently on such envelope or container:


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7. Nothing herein shall be construed as a final determination that any of the Confidential Information will be admissible as substantive evidence in this Council proceeding or at any hearing or trial. Further, nothing herein shall be considered a waiver of any party's right to assert at a later date that the Confidential Information is or is not proprietary or privileged. A party seeking to change the terms of this Order shall by motion give every other party five (5) business days' prior written notice. No information protected by this Order shall be made public until the Council rules on any such motion to change the terms of this Order. Confidential Information otherwise properly discovered, even though also subject to the terms of this Order, shall not be considered protected by this Order.

8. All copies of such Confidential Information shall be returned to the Company no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of all appeal periods applicable to the final decision rendered in this proceeding.

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

By: 
Title: Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

Dated: January 19, 2023

REVIEWED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has reviewed this Protective Order, and hereby agrees to abide by the terms thereof in exchange for receipt of the Confidential Information from Quinebaug Solar, LLC.

RECIPIENT: _____

REPRESENTING:

DATE: _____

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

EXHIBIT 1

**PETITION 1310A
QUINEBAUG SOLAR, LLC**

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Quinebaug Solar, LLC (the “Company”) agrees to make available to _____ (“Recipient”) confidential and proprietary information filed in Connecticut Siting Council Petition 1310A (“Confidential Information”) subject to restrictions stated herein.

1. Any information provided to Recipient and labeled “Confidential Information” by the Company shall be Confidential Information subject to this Nondisclosure Agreement.
9. The Confidential Information is received by Recipient in confidence.
10. The Confidential Information shall not be used or disclosed by the Recipient except in accordance with the terms contained herein and in the Connecticut Siting Council’s Protective Order in Petition 1310A.
11. Only individuals, and not entities, may be Recipients of Confidential Information under this paragraph. The Recipient must be an attorney or independent expert witness for a party in this Council proceeding. The Recipient acknowledges that he/she now represents or in the future may represent competitors or potential competitors of the Company and that disclosure of confidential and proprietary information of the Company to competitors or use of such information for the benefit of competitors of the Company could adversely affect the Company and its customers. By executing this Nondisclosure Agreement, each Recipient certifies that he/she meets the requirements of this paragraph.
12. The following conditions shall apply to each Recipient:
 - a) Each Recipient shall receive one (1) numbered, controlled copy of the Confidential Information. The Recipient shall not make any copies thereof or provide the Confidential Information to any individual or entity.
 - b) The Recipient shall maintain a log of all persons granted access to the Confidential Information.
 - c) The Recipient, by signing this Nondisclosure Agreement acknowledges that he/she may not in any manner disclose the Confidential Information to any person, and that he/she may not use the Confidential Information for the benefit of any person

except in this Council proceeding and in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

- d) The Recipient acknowledges that any violation of this Nondisclosure Agreement may subject the Recipient to civil actions for violation hereof. Additionally, any Recipient who is an attorney acknowledges his/her ethical obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct to abide by this Nondisclosure Agreement and to handle properly confidential information that is subject to a protective order.
- e) Within thirty (30) days of the final decision in this Proceeding, Recipient shall return the Confidential Information to the Company.

RECIPIENT:

By: _____

Dated: _____