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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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TO: Service List dated August 10, 2020

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1425** – Gaylord Mountain Solar Project 2019, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road in Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

At a pre-remote hearing teleconference held on October 7, 2020 by the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) and attended by Gaylord Mountain Solar Project 2019, LLC representatives Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. and Jenny Nicolas; South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority representative Bruce L. McDermott, Esq.; and Diane Hoffman from the Hamden Alliance for Trees, the Council requested that the following format be used for the remote public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Pre-hearing Procedure

1. On or before November 3, 2020, all parties and intervenors are requested to electronically exchange pre-remote hearing interrogatories with all other parties and intervenors.
2. On or before November 10, 2020, all parties and intervenors are requested to file responses to pre-remote hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with the Council and all other parties and intervenors. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the remote hearing.
3. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to electronically file a written petition with the Council on or before November 10, 2020.
4. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, at least ten business days prior to the public hearing, the petitioner shall erect and maintain, in a legible condition, a sign not less than six feet by four feet at the proposed permanent access drive off Gaylord Mountain Road where the proposed facility is to be located. The sign shall set forth the name of the petitioner, the type of facility, the remote public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (Web site and phone number). **The sign shall not be removed from the site until after the commencement of the evening public comment session.**
5. Attached is a list of the Council's administrative notice items. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the remote hearing.

Hearing Procedure

6. The 2:00 p.m., November 17, 2020, remote evidentiary hearing session will provide the petitioner, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to introduce exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The petitioner will be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by the Council and all parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to introduce their exhibits and witness panels, and be subject to cross-examination by the Council, the petitioner and all other parties and intervenors.
7. The order of appearances and cross-examination will be governed by a Hearing Program developed by the Council for the proceeding. The Council will issue the Hearing Program prior to the remote hearing.
8. 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.
9. If any party or intervenor designated representative or witness is using the Zoom dial-in option from a telephone, the phone number and name of the person must be provided in writing to the Council in advance so the phone number can be matched with the appropriate designated representative or witness. **If 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.**
10. The 6:30 p.m. remote public comment session on November 17, 2020, will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. **Public statements will be limited to 3 minutes.** The Council requests that the petitioner conduct a brief presentation prior to remote public comment, describing proposed facility features from a site plan already submitted into the record. **This site plan will be projected on the Zoom meeting screen during the public comment session.**
11. The Council may, at its discretion, group parties and intervenors with the same interests.
12. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
13. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-15b of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, any party or intervenor, including those that are members of non-profit corporations or citizens groups, that have attained party or intervenor status in the proceeding are deemed to be represented in the proceeding and may not submit oral or written statements into the record.
14. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.
15. Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.

Post-hearing procedure

16. A verbatim transcript of the remote hearing session will be posted on the Council's project webpage and deposited with the Hamden and Bethany Town Clerk's Offices for the convenience of the public.

17. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the remote hearing.
18. Members of the public will be allowed to submit written statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the remote hearing.
19. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and written statements will be final and no extensions will be granted.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Instructions for Parties and Intervenors for Petition No. 1425 Remote Public Hearing

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/94286416985?pwd=TEhHNVI5RjBNL1J2SUNYcHg4N1Q4UT09> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 942 8641 6985 and Passcode: qL1A6K** 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: 942 8641 6985 and Passcode: 342162** from a telephone.
3. 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.
4. If any participant is using the **dial-in option from a telephone**, the phone number and name of the participant must be provided in advance so the phone number can be matched with the appropriate participant by NAME. **If 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.** If using the link, unless the participant types in their name when entering the meeting, the email and name of the participant must be provided in advance so the email can be matched with the appropriate participant by NAME. If the NAME of the person is not typed in or provided when entering the meeting, they will not be admitted into the meeting. Please inform your witness panels.
5. 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.
6. The Chair will read an opening statement and cross examination of the petitioner by the Council will commence, one by one, beginning with the staff analyst. Thereafter, the designated representative for each party and intervenor will cross examine the petitioner.
7. Once cross examination of the petitioner by the Council and all parties and intervenors concludes, cross examination of the next party listed on the Hearing Program by the Council will commence, one by one, beginning with the staff analyst. Thereafter, the designated representative for each party and intervenor will cross examine the appearing party.