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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1426** - East Windsor Solar One, 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 4.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located west of the Ellington town boundary at 341 East Road, East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

I. Introduction

The petition is from East Windsor Solar One, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.9-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility west of the Ellington town boundary at 341 East Road in East Windsor, Connecticut. The Town of Ellington is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council's guide for *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling for a Renewable Energy Facility* dated August 2018, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, and the environmental effects of the proposed construction. The petition meets statutory and regulatory technical requirements for processing the petition. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-39 have been fulfilled.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-176(e), within 60 days after receipt of a petition for a declaratory ruling, an agency in writing shall: (1) issue a declaratory ruling; (2) hold a public hearing on the matter; (3) decide to issue a declaratory ruling by a specified date; (4) decide to initiate regulation making proceedings; or (5) decide not to issue a declaratory ruling.

In response to a request for a public hearing on this petition, the Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on December 17, 2020. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on March 2, 2021 and depositing the transcript in the East Windsor and Ellington Town Halls.

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Enclosure: Schedule

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SCHEDULE

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Petition received	08/10/20
Council request for more information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-39a	08/21/20
Date Petitioner submitted complete information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50 j-39a	09/16/20
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set One Issued• Set One Responses due	10/01/20 10/23/20
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	12/17/20
Pre-hearing teleconference (11:00 a.m.)	02/03/21
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	02/16/21
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	02/23/21
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	02/23/21
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1426 project webpage for Zoom conferencing log in/call in)</i>	03/02/21
Continued Public Hearing Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	03/02/21
Close of Public Comment Record	04/01/21
Draft Findings of Fact	04/08/21
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	04/22/21
Deadline for Decision	02/06/21
90-day extension of Deadline for Decision per Executive Order No. 7DDD	05/07/21

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