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Hearing Program
Petition No. 1558
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Zoom Remote Public Hearing

I. Opening by Council

A. Statement read by Presiding Officer.

B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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1. Department of Energy and Environment Protection C.G.S. §16-50k No Material Impact to Core Forest Determination Letter, dated January 29, 2021
 2. Department of Agriculture C.G.S. §16-50k No Material Impact to Prime Farmland Determination Letter, dated May 18, 2022
- D. State Agency comments
1. Department of Energy and Environment Protection Comments, dated March 3, 2023
 2. Connecticut Airport Authority Comments, dated April 4, 2023
- E. Municipal comments
1. Town of Ellington Planning Department Comments, dated March 1, 2023
 2. Town of Ellington Request for a Public Hearing, received March 21, 2023
 3. Town of Ellington Town Planner Comments, dated May 11, 2023
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II. Appearance by Petitioner: Community Power Group, LLC (CPG)

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A. Administrative Notice.

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Petition for a Declaratory filed by Community Power Group, LLC, received January 30, 2023, and attachments.
2. Petitioner's Community Outreach Efforts Submission, dated March 9, 2023
3. Petitioner's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated March 22, 2023
4. Petitioner's Response to Council Interrogatory No. 36, dated April 7, 2023
5. Petitioner's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set Two, dated April 25, 2023
6. Petitioner's Sign Posting Affidavit, dated May 4, 2023

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Michael Borkowski, Founder, Community Power Group, LLC
2. Amberli Young, Senior Project Manager, Community Power Group, LLC
3. Eric LaBatte, All-Points Technology Corporation

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

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III. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.