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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

March 30, 2023

TO: Service List, dated January 31, 2023

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

RE: **PETITION NO. 1558** – Community Power Group 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-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

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Enclosed please find a copy of the Connecticut Siting Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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c: Secretary of the State  
Council Members  
Petition Service Recipients  
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**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
**SERVICE LIST**

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
<b>Petitioner</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Community Power Group LLC	<p>Bruce L. McDermott, Esq. Murtha Cullina LLP 265 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510 Phone (203) 772-7787 <a href="mailto:bmcdermott@murthalaw.com">bmcdermott@murthalaw.com</a></p> <p>Amberli Young Senior Project Manager Community Power Group LLC 5636 Connecticut Avenue NW #42729 Washington, DC 20015 <a href="mailto:amberli@communitypowergroup.com">amberli@communitypowergroup.com</a></p>



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### HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Public Act No. 22-3, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on Thursday, May 18, 2023, beginning with an evidentiary session at 2:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be on a petition from Community Power Group LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence on the petitioner's assertions that the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility will not have a substantial adverse environmental effect. The 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the petitioner, parties and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.** The 6:30 p.m. public comment session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Public statements are limited to 3 minutes. During the 6:30 p.m. public comment session, the petitioner will present an overview of the proposed facility.

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87033177403?pwd=RnpRajUvN1BYVkJRWGJUEkyQ25ZQT09>

from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 870 3317 7403 and Passcode: Rb5SYN** No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 870 3317 7403 and Passcode: 994910** from a telephone.

**Interested persons may join any session to listen, but must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session.**

To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) with your name, email address and mailing address by **May 17, 2023**. To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **May 17, 2023**. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by electronic mail or by regular mail.

Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.

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 directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed electronically with the Council and all parties and intervenors by May 11, 2023.

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 [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov), on or before May 11, 2023.

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

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 evidentiary record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted after 30 days of the close of the evidentiary record, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be posted on the Council's project webpage and deposited in the Town Clerk's Office of the Ellington Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by May 11, 2023.

Information about how the public hearing will be conducted and how the public can access it will be posted on the Council's Petition No. 1558 project webpage at the following link:

[https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/1\\_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/Pending-Matters](https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/1_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/Pending-Matters)

The petitioner is represented by the following:

**Petitioner**

Community Power Group, LLC

**Its Representative**

Bruce L. McDermott, Esq.  
Murtha Cullina LLP  
265 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

A copy of the petition is available for review on the Council's website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](https://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this proceeding Petition No. 1558.

**Instructions for Public Access Petition No. 1558 Remote Public Hearing**  
**May 18, 2023**  
**Evidentiary Session at 2 PM**  
**Public Comment Session at 6:30 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Interested persons may join any session to listen, but **you must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session**
- Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.
- 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.

**A. Evidentiary Session – 2 PM**

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:  
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from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 870 3317 7403 and Passcode: Rb5SYN.**  
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: 870 3317 7403 and Passcode: 994910** from a telephone.
3. 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.
4. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.**

**B. Public Comment Session – 6:30 PM**

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87033177403?pwd=RnpRajUvN1BYVkJRWGJUk25ZQT09>  
from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 870 3317 7403 and Passcode: Rb5SYN.**  
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3. **You must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session.**
  - a. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) with your name, email address and mailing address by **May 17, 2023**.
  - b. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **May 17, 2023**.
4. If the email and name of the person or 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.

5. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order in which people are signed up to speak.
6. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by email at [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) or by regular mail. Such written comments will be given the same weight as if spoken during the remote public comment session.



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TO: Commissioner Katie Dykes Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection	Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt Department of Agriculture
Commissioner Manisha Juthani Department of Public Health	Paul Aresta, Executive Director Council on Environmental Quality
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Todd Levine Historian/Environmental Reviewer State Historic Preservation Office	Commissioner James C. Rovella Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo Department of Labor	Commissioner Michelle Gilman Department of Administrative Services

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1558** – Community Power Group 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-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

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During a public meeting held on March 16, 2023, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) voted to hold a public hearing on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §4-176. Pursuant to Public Act No. 22-3, the Council will conduct a remote public hearing on May 18, 2023.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-40, the Council hereby solicits written comments on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling. A response on or before May 11, 2023 would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the petition for a declaratory ruling is pending until the evidentiary record closes.

You may access the petition for a declaratory ruling and other documents for this proceeding, including the schedule, on the Council's website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](http://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the link "Pending Matters."

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor  
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[legals@journalinquirer.com](mailto:legals@journalinquirer.com)

FROM: Lisa A. Mathews, Office Assistant <sup>AM</sup>

RE: **PETITION NO. 1558** – Community Power Group 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-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

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Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please respond to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) with the quote at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council  
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The Honorable Lori L. Spielman  
First Selectperson  
Town of Ellington  
55 Main Street  
Ellington, CT 06029-0187  
[lspielman@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:lspielman@ellington-ct.gov)

RE: **PETITION NO. 1558** – Community Power Group 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-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear First Selectperson Spielman:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and Public Act No. 22-3, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) scheduled the public hearing in connection with the above-referenced matter as a **remote public hearing via Zoom Conferencing to be held on May 18, 2023**. Based on the nature of this petition for a declaratory ruling and requests received, the Council voted to hold a public hearing, although it is not required by law.

The Council invites municipal participation at the public hearing. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary session, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session submit written statements to the Council at any time up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event you have legal questions, please contact me at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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