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March 30, 2023

TO: Council Members

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.

I. Introduction

The petition is from Community Power Group, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.0-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council's guide for *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling for a Renewable Energy Facility*, 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 requests for a public hearing on this petition, the Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on March 16, 2023. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on May 18, 2023 and depositing the transcript in the Ellington Town Hall.

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Enclosure: Schedule



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SCHEDULE

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Petition received	01/30/23
Council Interrogatories	
• Set One Issued	03/03/23
• Set One Responses due	03/24/23
• Set One – Response to interrogatory No. 36 due (w/extension)	04/10/23
• Set Two Issued	TBD
• Set Two Responses due	TBD
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	03/16/23
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing (11:00 a.m.)	04/19/23
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	05/04/23
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	05/11/23
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	05/11/23
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1558 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	05/18/23
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	05/18/23
Close of Public Comment Period	06/17/23
Draft Findings of Fact	06/22/23
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	07/06/23
Deadline for Decision	07/29/23

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