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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 5, 2023

Kenneth and Lauri Desrosiers
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1572** – East Windsor Solar Two, 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 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 31 Thrall Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Kenneth and Lauri Desrosiers:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated June 2, 2023, for the above-referenced petition.

The Request for a Public Hearing has been placed on the next Council meeting agenda, a copy of which is attached. You will be notified of the Council's determination immediately thereafter.

Please contact our office at 860-827-2935 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

MB/MP/laf

Enclosure: Energy/Telecommunications Meeting Agenda for June 8, 2023

c: Service List dated May 8, 2023

Council Members

The Honorable Carol Hall, State Representative – 59th District carol.hall@housegop.ct.gov

The Honorable Jaime Foster, State Representative – 57th District jaimе.foster@cga.ct.gov

The Honorable Saud Anwar, State Senator - 3rd District saud.anwar@cga.ct.gov

The Honorable Jason Bowsza, First Selectman, Town of East Windsor

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June 2, 2023

Kenneth and Lauri Desrosiers

101 Reservoir Avenue

Broad Brook, CT 06016

Subject: Petition Number 1572, East Windsor Solar Two, LLC. 31 Thrall Road, East Windsor, CT. Request for a Public Hearing and our comments.

Dear Members of the Connecticut Siting Council,

We are very concerned about the solar development proposed for 31 Thrall Road in the Broad Brook section of East Windsor. Our concerns include the following:

- The proposed site is near water and on soil that is considered most susceptible to erosion. (See the Attachments A1 and A2. A1 also can be found on the Town of East Windsor's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency webpage.) Also, the proposed location is very close to the Aquifer Protection Area. (See Attachment B which is the first page of a document on the Planning and Development section of the Town of East Windsor's website.) According to Attachment C from the East Windsor GIS system, there is a subregional basin that runs through the property.
- Solar developments should not be put on farmland, especially prime farmland. It is a waste of use for good land, especially in a community that has recognized that agriculture has been a part of its' heritage and future, and is part of the character of the town. Attachment D is a map of the farmland soils for 31 Thrall as indicated on the GIS section of the Town of East Windsor website. Please note the large percentage of the property that is designated as prime farmland soils.
- Drinking water in the areas surrounding 31 Thrall Road is provided through wells, which can be contaminated. Should they be contaminated, this would have a devastating long-term effect on the area.
- East Windsor has fire departments that are made up of mostly volunteers. We have concerns on what training and equipment they have been provided in regards to handling a potential disaster in the solar development (fire, brush fire, tornado, hurricane)?
- Broad Brook / East Windsor already has a large amount of acreage approved for solar. Having the largest solar development in New England is burden enough for our small community, that should certainly be enough.
- Attachments E-1 and E-2 are photos of the current condition of the solar development on Middle Road in the Broad Brook section of East Windsor. The condition of the bushes and height of the grass has a negative impact on the area. Nothing compares to the sound from the development that the residents of the area constantly are exposed to though. It is my understanding that the company that is submitting the proposal for 31 Thrall is responsible for the development on Middle Road /East Road in East Windsor. I invite all the Members of the Siting Council to not just

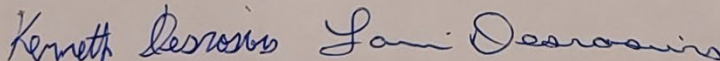
look at pictures of the development on Middle Road/ East Road. All members should drive to the site and walk the perimeter on the road sides to gauge the full impact on our community. Imagine if you lived in the area. In your evaluation, consider the issues with noise and dead bushes and the length of time it has been that way. Is there anyone that has the interests of the residents of East Windsor in mind when evaluating the plans, negotiating the contract and ensuring the compliance of the contract. If this is the condition of the property so soon after the start of the project, we can only imagine the serious problems that could occur upon the expiration of the lease and decommissioning of the development.

- According to Appendix E, #2 of Petition 1572 the company is assuming that the salvage or resale of the components will be greater than the cost to decommission the site. We would like to see the documentation that that assessment is based on considering decommissioning would take place decades down the road.

As residents of East Windsor for over 25 years, we are writing to request a public hearing regarding this proposed solar development, and any more to be located in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration in approving a public hearing regarding the subject project. We sincerely hope that the Siting Council will agree on the importance of giving a voice to the residents of the Town of East Windsor, prior to the evaluation and approval of any more solar developments in our community.

Sincerely,


Kenneth and Lauri Desrosiers

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Attachment 51



Town of East Windsor
Hartford County, State of Connecticut

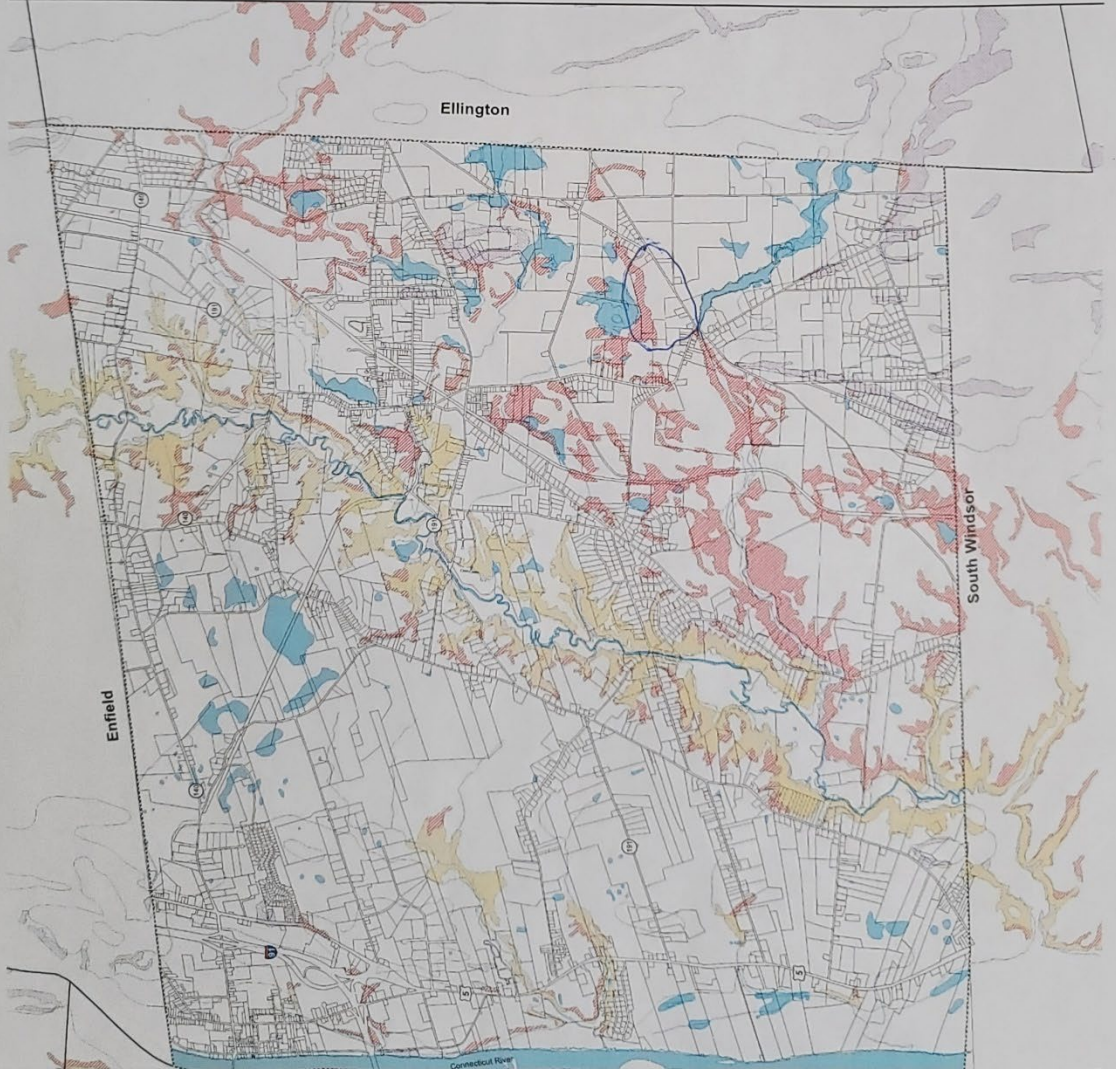
Terrace Escarpment Soil Map

Legend

-  Most Susceptible to Erosion
-  Highly Susceptible to Erosion
-  Surficial Materials Susceptible to Erosion
-  Soils Susceptible to Erosion



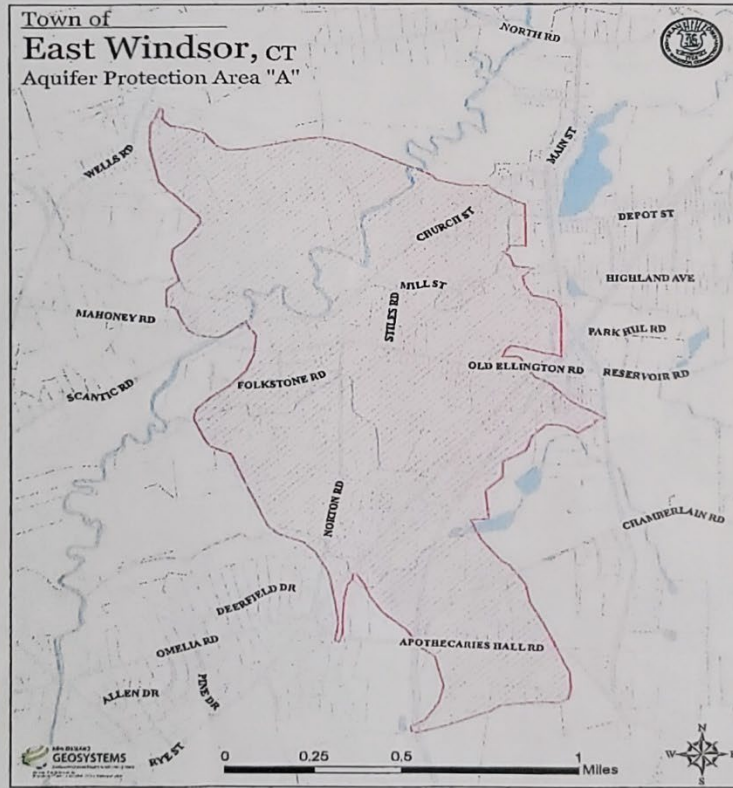
1 inch = 3,068.35 feet





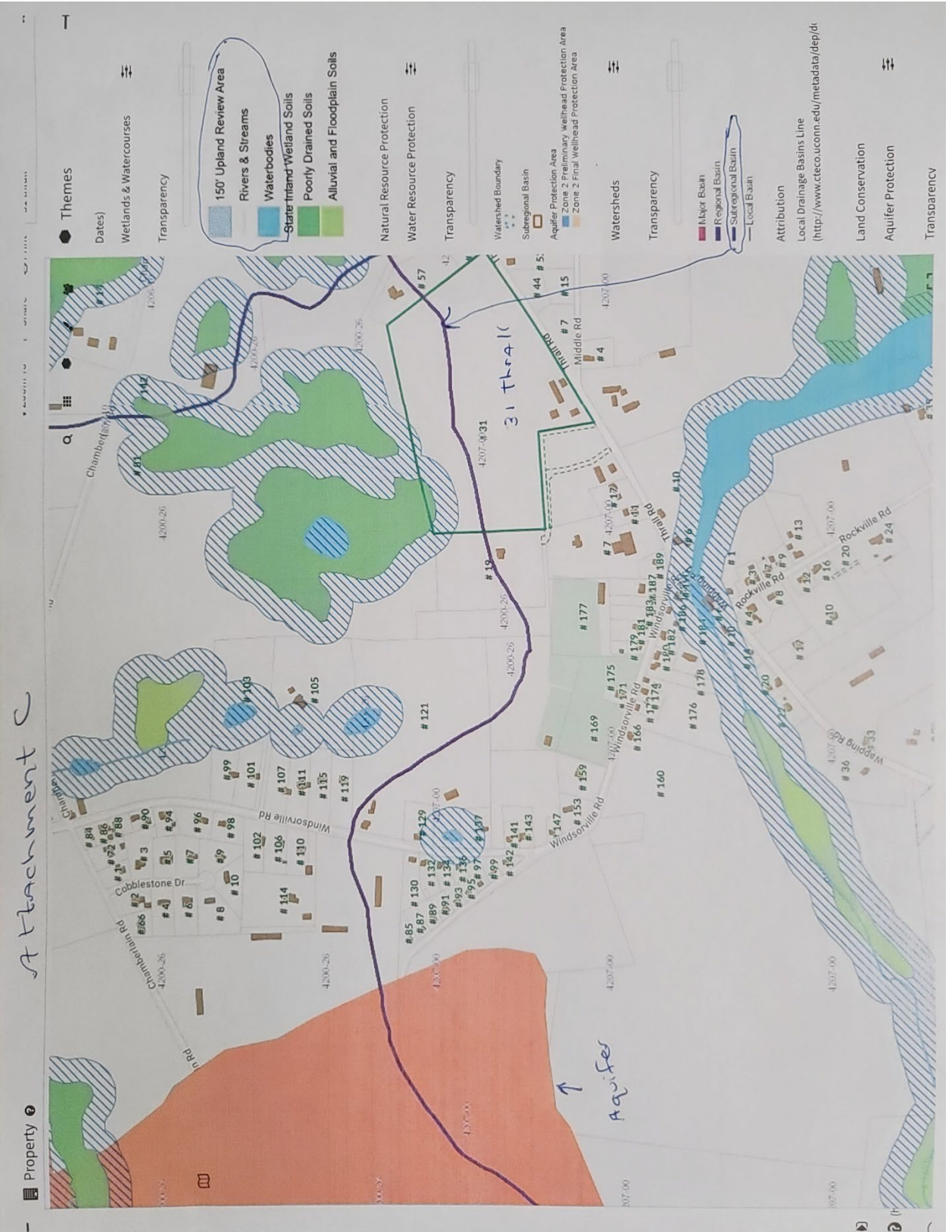
Town of East Windsor

Aquifer Protection Regulations



Adopted July 28, 2015
Effective: September 9, 2015

Attachment C





Themes

Base Theme

Google Roads

State Themes 12

- FEMA Flood Zones
- FEMA FIRM Panels (Shows Effective Dates)
- Wetlands & Watercourses
- Natural Resource Protection
- Water Resource Protection
- Watersheds
- Land Conservation
- Aquifer Protection
- Topography
- Farmland Soils
- Transparency

- Prime Farmland Soils
- Statewide Important Farmland Soils
- Locally Important Farmland Soils

- 2020 Senate
- 2020 House

Map Themes 4

- Zoning
- Fire Districts
- State and Town Owned Properties
- Vacant Properties

Utilities 1

- Sewer Service Area



(http://help.mapgeo.io/)

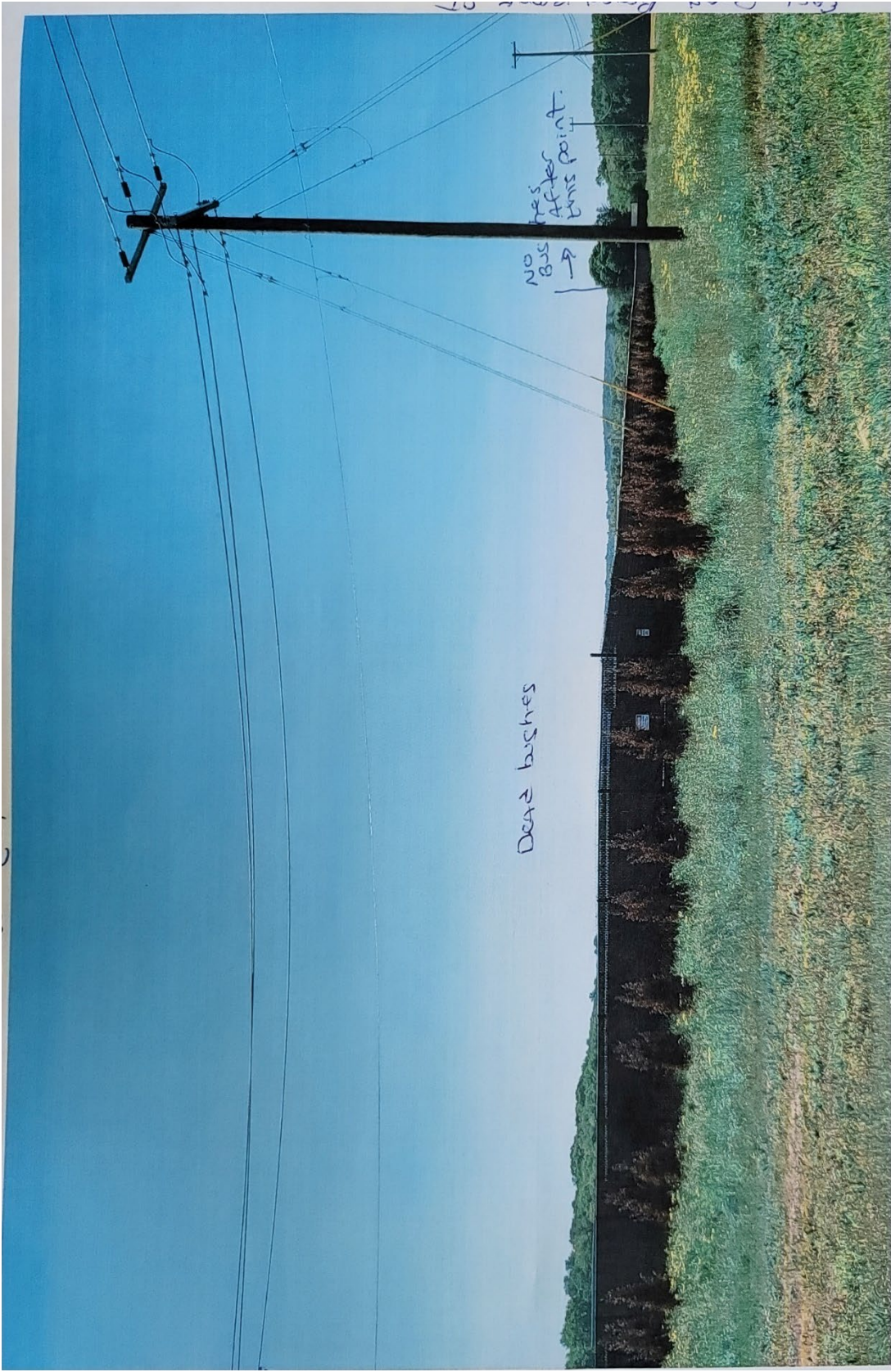
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(http://www.mapgeo.io)



Dead bushes

NO BUS
→
Tree's
After
bus point.

Middle Road
Brook Brook, CT

Photo taken 5/31/23



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DATE: June 1, 2023
TO: Council Members
FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*
RE: Connecticut Siting Council Energy/Telecommunications Meeting

An Energy/Telecommunications meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council **via Zoom Remote Conferencing** will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Please note that the draft documents related to the agenda items will be available to view on-line on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the Tab - Meetings and Minutes - on the left-hand side of the home page.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86796121270?pwd=N3FIVTdJSWw5OE93UHc2U2NNcXFWUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 9612 1270

Passcode: 5wq96S

Dial +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 867 9612 1270

Passcode: 746520

AGENDA

1. Minutes of May 25, 2023.
2. **DOCKET NO. 508** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest and West River substations along approximately 9.5 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor traversing the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order – Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database Species Protection Plan. Partial Development and Management Plan Segment 1.
3. **DOCKET NO. 513** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Parcel No. 258-10C-001, Mason Hill Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

4. **PETITION NO. 1442** - SR Litchfield, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 19.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 6 contiguous parcels located both east and west of Wilson Road south of the intersection with Litchfield Town Farm Road in Litchfield, Connecticut, and both east and west of Rossi Road, south of the intersection with Highland Avenue in Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Partial Development and Management Plan II.
5. **PETITION NO. 1562** – 524 NLR 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 3.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 524 New London Road, Colchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.
6. **PETITION NO. 1569** – Dish Wireless, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 224 Lovely Street, Avon, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.
7. **PETITION NO. 1570** – Dish Wireless, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at Chesley Park, 35 Wildwood Street, New Britain, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.
8. **PETITION NO. 1571** – Dish Wireless, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at the Norwich Public Works Department, 50 Clinton Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.
9. **PETITION NO. 1572** – East Windsor Solar Two, 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 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 31 Thrall Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Requests for a Public Hearing.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 10 - 16

10. **TS-DISH-136-230403** – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 5 Exeter Drive, Sterling, Connecticut. Decision.
11. **TS-DISH-078-230403** – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 82 North Eagleville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. Decision.
12. **TS-DISH-137-230510** - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 421 Al Harvey Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.
13. **TS-DISH-051A-230511** - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 3965 Congress Street, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.

14. **TS-DISH-051B-230511** - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 100 Reef Road, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.
15. **TS-VER-168-230517** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 85 Paper Mill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.
16. **TS-DISH-078-230519** - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1725 Stafford Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. Decision.

17. **Administrative Matters**

- ***Regular Items***

- Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Docket No. 514, Thursday, June 15, 2023, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 22, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 515, Thursday, June 29, 2023, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

cc: Secretary of the State