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August 17, 2023

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1583** – TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel Nos. 113-1 and 113-1-A, 428 Bethmour Road, Bethany, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

I. Introduction

The petition is from TRITEC Americas, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 428 Bethmour Road, Bethany, 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 § 16-50j-39 have been fulfilled.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to CGS § 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 August 3, 2023. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on October 5, 2023 and depositing the transcript in the Bethany Town Hall.

Enclosure: Schedule



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SCHEDULE

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Petition received	07/11/23
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	08/03/23
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing (11:00 a.m.)	09/06/23
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	09/21/23
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	09/28/23
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/28/23
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 1583 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	10/05/23
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	10/05/23
Close of Public Comment Period	11/04/23
Draft Findings of Fact	11/09/23
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	12/07/23
Deadline for Decision	01/07/24

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier