



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DATE: November 9, 2023

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1589** – USS Somers Solar, 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Completeness Review.**

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### I. Introduction

The petition is from USS Somers Solar, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.0-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility in the Town of 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 §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 October 12, 2023. Staff recommends holding a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on December 5, 2023 and depositing the transcript in the Ellington Town Hall.

Siting Analyst: Ifeanyi Nwankwo

Enclosure: Schedule

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**SCHEDULE**

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Petition received	08/23/2023
Public Comment Period Deadline	09/22/2023
Public Comment Period Deadline w/Extension	10/06/2023
<b>Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing</b>	<b>10/12/2023</b>
Council Interrogatories	
• Set One Issued	10/20/2023
• Set One Responses due	11/09/2023
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing 11:00 a.m.	11/15/2023
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	11/21/2023
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	11/28/2023
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/28/2023
<b>Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing</b> <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Petition No. 1589 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	12/05/2023
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	12/05/2023
Close of Public Comment Period	01/04/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	01/18/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	02/01/2024
<b>Deadline for Decision</b>	<b>02/19/2024</b>