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Hearing Program
Petition No. 1592
Thursday, January 11, 2024
2:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.
Zoom Remote Public Hearing

I. Opening by Council

A. Statement read by Presiding Officer

B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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1. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection No Material Impact to Core Forest Determination Letter, dated October 30, 2023

D. State Agency comments

1. Council on Environmental Quality Comments, dated September 28, 2023
2. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Comments, dated October 18, 2023

E. Municipal comments

1. Town of Somers Conservation Commission Comments, dated September 19, 2023
2. Town of Somers Request for Hearing, dated October 17, 2023
3. Town of Somers Comments, dated January 3, 2024

II. Appearance by Petitioner:

Santa Fuel, Inc. (SFI)

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A. Administrative Notice.

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Petition for a Declaratory Ruling filed by Santa Fuel, Inc., received September 19, 2023, and attachments.
2. Petitioner's Responses to Council's Interrogatories, Set One, dated December 20, 2023
3. Petitioner's Response to Council Interrogatories, Set Two, dated January 4, 2024

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Andrew Kellar, Project Developer, Santa Fuel, Inc.
2. Martin Mija, Director of Engineering, Louth Callan Renewables
3. Timothy Coon, P.E., Principal Engineer, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council

III. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.