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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 22, 2024

TO: Service List dated October 17, 2024

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1592A** – Santa Fuel, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).**

Enclosed please find a copy of the Connecticut Siting Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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Enclosures: Notice of Public Hearing, dated November 22, 2024
Revised Schedule, dated November 21, 2024

c: Secretary of the State
Council Members
Petition Service Recipients
A Plus Reporting Service, LLC

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST**

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Petitioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Santa Fuel, Inc.	<p>Timothy Coon, P.E. Principal Engineer J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC P.O. Box 938 East Windsor, CT 06088 (860) 623-0569 tcoon@jrusso.com</p> <p>Kyzer Gardiola Vice President of EPC Louth Callan Renewables LLC 921 Thrall Road Suffield, CT 06078 kyzer@louthcallanrenewables.com</p> <p>Ernst Zwickler Santa Fuel, Inc. 154 Admiral Street Bridgeport, CT 06605 zwikkere@santaenergy.com</p> <p>William Ostrander Santa Fuel, Inc. 154 Admiral Street Bridgeport, CT 06605 ostranderw@santaenergy.com</p>



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §4-176, and § 16-50m notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on January 30, 2025, beginning with an evidentiary session at 2:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be on the reopening of a petition from Santa Fuel, Inc. for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

On October 10, 2024, the Council, pursuant to a request filed by Santa Fuel, Inc., reopened this petition to consider changed conditions. The 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the petitioner, parties and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.** The 6:30 p.m. public comment session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Public statements are limited to 3 minutes. During the 6:30 p.m. public comment session, the petitioner will present an overview of the proposed facility.

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83654985708?pwd=HAHbzmllybQMvYTYFNuhROkXadyy2V8.1>

from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 836 5498 5708 and Passcode: K1sB4Z**

No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 836 5498 5708 and Passcode: 038414** from a telephone.

Interested persons may join any session to listen, but must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session.

To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to siting.council@ct.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by **January 29, 2025**. To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **January 29, 2025**. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by electronic mail or by regular mail.

Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed electronically with the Council and all parties and intervenors by January 23, 2025.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at siting.council@ct.gov, on or before January 23, 2025.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted after 30 days of the close of the evidentiary record, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be posted on the Council's project webpage and deposited in the Somers Town Clerk's Office for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by January 23, 2025.

Information about how the public hearing will be conducted and how the public can access it will be posted on the Council's Petition No. 1592A project webpage at the following link: https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/1_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/Pending-Matters

The petitioner is represented by the following:

Petitioner

Santa Fuel, Inc.

Its Representative

Timothy Coon, P.E.
Principal Engineer
J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC
P.O. Box 938
East Windsor, CT 06088

A copy of the petition is available for review on the Council's website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this proceeding Petition No. 1592A.



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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Motion to Reopen filed with the Council	09/18/2024
Motion to Reopen granted by the Council	10/10/2024
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	10/10/2024
Council notification of non-payment of invoices per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50v-3	10/18/2024
Date Petitioner submitted payment per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50v-3	11/12/2024
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set One Issued • Set One Responses due 	TBD TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	01/08/2025
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenor	01/16/2025
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	01/23/2025
Deadline for State Agency Comments	01/23/2025
Deadline for Municipal Comments	01/23/2025
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/23/2025
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing (refer to Hearing Information section on Petition No. 1592A webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	01/30/2025
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) (if necessary)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	TBD
Deadline for Party and Intervenor Post Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	TBD
Close of Public Comment Period	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD
Deadline for Final Decision	05/11/2025

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Instructions for Public Access Petition No. 1592A Remote Public Hearing
January 30, 2025
Evidentiary Session at 2 PM
Public Comment Session at 6:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE:

- Interested persons may join any session to listen, but **you must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session**
- Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.
- All participants are requested to mute sound notifications on their computer, smartphone or tablet. Telephones are often equipped with a “do not disturb” feature for the dial-in option.

A. Evidentiary Session – 2 PM

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83654985708?pwd=HAHbzmllybQMvYTYFNuhROkXadyy2V8.1> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 836 5498 5708 and Passcode: K1sB4Z.** No prior software download is required.
2. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 836 5498 5708 and Passcode: 038414** from a telephone.
3. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order of party appearances and cross examination governed by the Hearing Program.
4. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.**

B. Public Comment Session – 6:30 PM

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83654985708?pwd=HAHbzmllybQMvYTYFNuhROkXadyy2V8.1> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID: 836 5498 5708 and Passcode: K1sB4Z.** No prior software download is required.
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3. **You must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session.**
 - a. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to siting.council@ct.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by **January 29, 2025**.
 - b. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **January 29, 2025**.
4. If the email and name of the person or the phone number and name of the person is not provided in writing to the Council in advance, they will not be admitted into the meeting.
5. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order in which people are signed up to speak.
6. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by email at siting.council@ct.gov or by regular mail. Such written comments will be given the same weight as if spoken during the public comment session.



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TO: Commissioner Katie Dykes, Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection; Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Department of Agriculture; Commissioner Manisha Juthani, Department of Public Health; Paul Aresta, Executive Director, Council on Environmental Quality; Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; Jeffrey R. Beckham, Secretary, Office of Policy and Management; Commissioner Daniel O'Keefe, Department of Economic and Community Development; Scott A. Hill, P.E., Bureau Chief, Bureau of Engineering and Construction, Department of Transportation; Robert Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental, Connecticut Airport Authority; Kevin Dillon, Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority; Todd Levine, Historian/Environmental Reviewer, State Historic Preservation Office; Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo, Department of Labor; Commissioner Michelle Gilman, Department of Administrative Services; Claire E. Coleman, Office of Consumer Counsel

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: PETITION NO. 1592A – Santa Fuel, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

During a public meeting held on October 10, 2024, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) voted to hold a public hearing on the above-referenced reopened petition for a declaratory ruling in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and 4-181a(b). Pursuant to CGS §1-225a, the Council will conduct a remote public hearing on January 30, 2025.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40, the Council hereby solicits written comments on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling.

A response by January 23, 2025 would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the petition for a declaratory ruling is pending until the evidentiary record closes.

You may access the Motion to Reopen, the petition for a declaratory ruling and other documents for this proceeding, including the schedule, on the Council's website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Matters."

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
20241122-1592A
Journal Inquirer
306 Progress Drive
Manchester, CT 06045-0510
nhlegals@hearstmediact.com

FROM: Dakota LaFountain, Office Assistant *DL*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1592A** – Santa Fuel, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).**

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please respond to siting.council@ct.gov with the quote at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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Enclosure (1)



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The Honorable Tim Keeney
First Selectperson
Town of Somers
Town Hall
600 Main Street
Somers, CT 06071
tkeeney@somersct.gov

RE: **PETITION NO. 1592A** – Santa Fuel, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).**

Dear First Selectperson Keeney:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50m and §1-225a, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) scheduled the public hearing in connection with the above-referenced matter on January 30, 2025 **via Zoom remote conferencing**. Based on the nature of this reopened petition for a declaratory ruling, the Council voted to hold a public hearing, although it is not required by law.

The Council invites municipal participation at the public hearing. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary session, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session or submit written statements to the Council at any time up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

You may access the Motion to Reopen, the petition for a declaratory ruling and other documents for this proceeding, including the schedule, on the Council's website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Matters."

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event you have legal questions, please contact me at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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