



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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November 21, 2024

TO: Council Members

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). **Completeness Review.**

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### **I. Introduction**

On September 18, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-181a(b), CF Santa Fuel, Inc. (SFI) filed a Motion to Reopen and Modify (Motion to Reopen) the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) March 15, 2024 final decision not to issue a declaratory ruling to SFI for the above-referenced 3.85 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, based on changed conditions (Reopened Petition).

During a public meeting held on October 10, 2024, the Council voted to grant SFI's Motion to Reopen and to hold a public hearing for reconsideration of the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of the 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility based on changed conditions.

### **II. Technical**

The Motion to Reopen and supporting materials meet statutory and regulatory technical requirements for processing. This project would not require an outside consultant.

### **III. Administrative Review**

On October 18, 2024, the Council notified SFI that it will not further process the Reopened Petition until full payment of six outstanding invoices is received, pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50v-3. Due to non-payment, the April 8, 2025 Council deadline for a final decision on the Reopened Petition under Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 was suspended.

On November 13, 2024, the Council acknowledged payment in full of the outstanding invoices, pursuant to RCSA §16-50v-3, and resumed processing the Reopened Petition. As a result, the Council deadline for a final decision on the Reopened Petition is May 11, 2025.

Pursuant to CGS §4-181a(b), all service and filing requirements have been fulfilled.

### **IV. Procedural**

The Council voted to hold a public hearing on this Reopened Petition.

Pursuant to CGS §16-50m, the Council must schedule a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of a *complete* petition. At least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public.

Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on January 30, 2025 and depositing the transcript in the Somers Town Hall.

Enclosure: Revised Schedule, dated November 21, 2024



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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"><li>• Set One Issued</li><li>• Set One Responses due</li></ul>	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
<b>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)</b>	<b>01/30/2025</b>
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
<b>Deadline for Final Decision</b>	<b>05/11/2025</b>

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier