

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 9, 2024

TO: Service List, dated February 7, 2024

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1598** – Windsor Solar One, 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 445 River Street, Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) shall continue the evidentiary hearing for the above-referenced proceeding on **Tuesday**, **March 19**, **2024**, via Zoom remote conferencing, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** A copy of the Instructions for Public Access to the Continued Evidentiary Hearing is attached.

The hearing shall commence with the continued appearance of the Petitioner, Windsor Solar One, LLC (WSO), for cross examination by the parties and intervenors in the order by which the requests were granted by the Council, beginning with Keith and Lisa Bress and continuing with the Grouped Resident Intervenors, followed by cross examination of the Petitioner on the **new exhibits** by the Town and the Council.

Petitioner Late-Filed Exhibits

During the February 8, 2024 evidentiary hearing session, the Council requested WSO submit the following information as late-filed exhibits:

- 1. Visibility assessment of the proposed facility from the west side of River Street, including locations with and without intervening trees;
- 2. A copy of the preliminary DEEP Natural Diversity Database determination letter received by WSO;
- 3. A copy of the Phase 1B Cultural Resources Survey and associated response from the State Historic Preservation Office, if available;
- 4. Revised Site Plan that increases the distance of the proposed facility to the north property line, and with additional landscaping; and
- 5. A proposed facility operational noise analysis with recommended mitigation measures, if necessary, confirming compliance with DEEP Noise Control Regulations.

The Council requests these late-filed exhibits be submitted to the Council and the service list before the close of business on **March 7**, **2024**. This includes the 15 hard copies.

Please be advised that the close of business at the Council office is 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Direct testimony at the hearings is not permitted. This applies to all parties and intervenors.

If you have any questions about Council procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Council office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you.

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- Enclosures: Schedule, dated February 9, 2024 Instructions for Public Access to Petition 1598 Remote Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session
- c: Council Members A Plus Reporting Services



REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	11/13/2023
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	12/21/2023
Council Interrogatories	
Set One Issued	01/09/2024
Set One Responses due	01/23/2024
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing (11:00 a.m.)	01/17/2024
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	01/25/2024
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	02/01/2024
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	02/01/2024
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment	02/08/2024
session via Zoom remote conferencing	
Final Deadline for submission of late filed exhibits	03/07/2024
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing	03/19/2024
(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1598 project webpage for	
Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	
Close of Evidentiary Record	03/19/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	04/18/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	04/25/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	05/09/2024
Deadline for Decision	05/11/2024

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier



Instructions for Public Access to Petition No. 1598 Remote Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session – March 19, 2024 – 2 PM

PLEASE NOTE:

- Interested persons may join the continued evidentiary session to listen, but **no public comments** will be received during the continued evidentiary session. Public comments may be submitted to the Council by email at <u>siting.council@ct.gov</u> or by regular mail.
- Any person may be removed from the remote continued evidentiary 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.

Access to Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session

- Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85690475034?pwd=CJVa7ITKohpIstbwKYkRBIH11aiJFs.1</u> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. Meeting ID: 856 9047 5034 and Passcode: 719132
- 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 856 9047 5034 and Passcode: 719132 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 continued evidentiary hearing session.