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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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. **Completeness Review.**

I. Introduction

The petition is from Windsor Solar One, LLC, Inc. for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.0-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 445 River Street, Windsor, Connecticut. The Town of Windsor Locks is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

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 December 21, 2023. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on February 8, 2024 and depositing the transcript in the Windsor Town Hall.

Enclosure: Schedule



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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	11/13/2023
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	12/21/2023
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.)	01/17/2024
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 session via Zoom remote conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1598 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	02/08/2024
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	02/08/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	03/09/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	04/11/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	04/25/2024
Deadline for Decision	05/11/2024

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier