

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 22, 2024

TO: Service List, dated April 30, 2024

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1609** – TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from

Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 250 Carter Street, Manchester, 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**, **July 23**, **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 appearances of the parties and intervenors in the order by which the requests were granted by the Council, commencing with the appearance of Rachel and Dana Schnabel followed by the appearances of Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Development (MARSD) and Raymond Welnicki for cross examination by all parties and intervenors and the Council.

The hearing shall proceed with the continued appearance of the Petitioner, TRITEC America, LLC (TRITEC), for cross examination by the parties and intervenors in the order by which the requests were granted by the Council, beginning with the Town of Manchester and continuing with Rachel and Dana Schnabel, MARSD and Raymond Welnicki, to be followed by cross examination by the Council on the new exhibits.

Town of Manchester Late-Filed Position Statement

During the May 21, 2024 evidentiary hearing session, the Council requested the Town of Manchester submit a late-file position statement regarding TRITEC's proposal for a permanent conservation easement on the host parcel outside of the solar photovoltaic electric generating facility site and a collaborative decommissioning plan.

The Council requests this late-file position statement be submitted to the Council and the service list before the close of business on **July 16, 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 May 22, 2024

Instructions for Public Access to Petition 1609 Remote Continued Evidentiary Hearing

Session

c: Council Members

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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	01/26/2024
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	03/14/2024
Council Interrogatories	
Set One Issued	04/02/2024
Set One Responses due	04/23/2024
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing (11:00 a.m.)	04/10/2024
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	04/18/2024
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	04/25/2024
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	04/25/2024
Extended Deadline for the Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and	04/30/2024
Intervenors	
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment	05/02/2024
session via Zoom remote conferencing	
Deadline for Late File Exhibits and Extended Deadline for Pre-filed testimony	05/07/2024
Extended Deadline for Responses to Party and Intervenor Interrogatories	05/07/2024
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing	05/21/2024
Deadline for Town's Late File Position Statement	07/16/2024
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing	07/23/2024
(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1609 project webpage	
for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	
Close of Evidentiary Record	07/23/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	08/22/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	08/29/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/12/2024
Deadline for Decision	07/24/2024
Extended Deadline for Decision with consent pursuant to CGS §4-176(i)	10/22/2024

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier



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Instructions for Public Access to Petition No. 1609 Remote Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session – July 23, 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 sitting.council@ct.gov 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: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88675258764?pwd=VetKMwGKoMXWkjocJN5sxN8aUb8N6M.1 from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. Meeting ID: 886 7525 8764 and Passcode: 7W0N2E
- 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: 886 7525 8764 and Passcode: 510764 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.