



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 3, 2024

TO: Service List, dated April 30, 2024

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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, May 21, 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, 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, Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Development (MARSD) and Raymond Welnicki, to be followed by cross examination by the Council on the new exhibits.

The hearing shall proceed 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 the Town followed by the appearances of Rachel and Dana Schnabel, MARSD and Raymond Welnicki for cross examination by all parties and intervenors and the Council.

Petitioner Late-Filed Exhibits

During the May 2, 2024 evidentiary hearing session, the Council requested TRITEC submit the following information as late-filed exhibits:

1. Viewshed Profiles and Analysis from the abutting properties to the east;
2. Revised Noise Analysis to account for the correct location of the inverters and inclusion of the tracker system;
3. Spill Response and Prevention Plan that includes protocols for transformer spills and the identification of the construction vehicle refueling area;
4. Recalculation of the acreage of post -development core forest to include 300-foot buffers from developed areas with an associated map;
5. A map indicating what areas of the host parcel were historically used for agricultural purposes;

6. Culvert Openness Ratio for the proposed access drive wetland crossing;
7. Revised Site Plan Sheet with proposed access slopes at 1.5 to 1 in the vicinity of the wetland crossing, and a calculation of the associated reduced wetland impact.
8. An East-West profile detail of the solar array on proposed grades.

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

Consistent with the Council's correspondence in response to the Petitioner's Request for an Extension of Time, dated April 24, 2024, and the Council's Revised Schedule, dated April 25, 2024, interrogatory responses and pre-filed testimony from the Petitioner and other parties and intervenors to the proceeding are also to be submitted to the Council on or before **May 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 May 3, 2024
 Instructions for Public Access to Petition 1609 Remote Continued Evidentiary Hearing
 Session

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set One Issued• Set One Responses due	04/02/2024 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 Intervenor	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 Intervenor	04/30/2024
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing	05/02/2024
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 <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1609 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	05/21/2024
Close of Evidentiary Record	05/21/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	06/20/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	07/18/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	08/01/2024
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 – May 21, 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 siting.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

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84084741970?pwd=ZVbXcBrmS3b4NHxli9vdO03kLIbDEW.1>
from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required.
Meeting ID: 840 8474 1970 and Passcode: 2xGEdp
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 840 8474 1970 and Passcode: 010951** 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.**