### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## SITING COUNCIL

TRITEC AMERICAS, LLC, NOTICE OF	:	PETITION NO. 1609
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	:	
<b>GENERATING FACILITY LOCATED AT 250</b>	:	
CARTER STREET, MANCHESTER, CONNECTICU	T:	
AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL	:	
INTERCONNECTION	:	April 24, 2024

# TRITEC AMERICAS, LLC'S OBJECTION TO RAYMOND WELNICKI'S REQUEST FOR PARTY STATUS

TRITEC Americas, LLC ("TRITEC") hereby objects to Raymond Welnicki's

("Welnicki") Request for Party Status and requests that it be denied for the following reasons.

First, the request does not comply with the requirement set out in the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") that "the petition states *facts that demonstrate* that the petitioner's legal rights, duties or privileges shall be specifically affected by the agency's decision in the contested case." C.G.S. §4-177a (a)(2) emphasis added. Welnicki states that he is an abutter to the property, but then offers only mere conjecture and speculation about the project and groundwater, rather than any facts.

Additionally, the Town of Manchester has sought to intervene in the proceeding. The Town states in its request to intervene that it represents the interests of Manchester residents. Therefore, if the Town is permitted to intervene, Welnicki's input will be repetitive. Welnicki could voice his concern to the Town who in turn will represent him in this proceeding. Lastly, one of the statutes that Welnicki gives as authority for his party status request is C.G.S. §16-50*l*. But that statutory section does not apply in this proceeding. That statutory section governs applications for certificates and this proceeding is based on a petition for declaratory ruling.

Based on the foregoing, TRITEC requests that the Siting Council deny Welnicki's Request for Party Status.

In the alternative, if the Siting Council were to grant Welnicki's request, TRITEC requests that the Council limit his participation to the groundwater issue as this is the only issue he asserted in his request for party status.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

#### **TRITEC Americas, LLC**

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