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March 28, 2024

TO:	Council Members

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. **Completeness Review.**

I. Introduction

The petition is from TRITEC Americas, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt -megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 250 Carter Street, Manchester, Connecticut. The Town of Bolton 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 March 14, 2024. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on May 2, 2024 and depositing the transcript in the Manchester Town Hall.

Enclosure: Schedule



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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	TBD
Set One Responses due	TBD
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
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment	05/02/2024
session via Zoom remote conferencing	
(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1609 project webpage for	
Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) (if necessary)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	05/02/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	06/01/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	06/06/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	06/20/2024
Deadline for Decision	07/24/2024

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier