



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 14, 2024

The Honorable MD Rahman
State Senator - 4th District
The Honorable Jason Doucette
State Representative – 13th District
General Assembly
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106-1591
rahman@senatedems.ct.gov
Jason.doucette@cga.ct.gov

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.

Dear Senator Rahman and Representative Doucette:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Manchester Legislative Delegation's correspondence dated March 11, 2024 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council must carefully consider all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and consider all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

This petition is on today's Council meeting agenda to take up Requests for a Public Hearing. A copy of the meeting agenda with Zoom remote conferencing access information is attached for your convenience.

Please note that you can view the petition filing on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated January 26, 2024
Council Members

Enc.: March 14, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda



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DATE: March 7, 2024
TO: Council Members
FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *NAB*
RE: Connecticut Siting Council Energy/Telecommunications Meeting

An Energy/Telecommunications meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council **via Zoom Remote Conferencing** will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Please note that the draft documents related to the agenda items will be available to view on-line on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the Tab - Meetings and Minutes - on the left-hand side of the home page.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87463731256?pwd=Zfox8c9NRIVYRUVHmA9Bch7Bn7reAu.1>

Meeting ID: 874 6373 1256

Passcode: 4qXrit

Dial +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 874 6373 1256

Passcode: 330625

AGENDA

1. Minutes of February 29, 2024.
2. **DOCKET NO. 517** – MCM Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Boy Scouts of America Camp Hoyt, 288 Simpaug Turnpike (Parcel No. 12-29), Redding, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.
3. **PETITION NO. 1592** - Santa Fuel, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.
4. **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. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Requests for Public Hearing.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 5 - 6

5. **TS-DISH-086-240214** - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 71 Moxley Road, Montville (Uncasville), Connecticut. Decision.
6. **TS-VER-130-240214** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 459 Burr Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Decision.

7. **Administrative Matters**

- ***Regular Items***

- Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Petition No. 1598, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 520, Thursday, March 21, 2024, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 28, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

cc: Secretary of the State



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

March 11th, 2024
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square, New Britain Connecticut 06051

Dear Connecticut Siting Council

Members of the Manchester legislative delegation are writing to you today regarding Petition No. 1609 – TRITEC America LLC's proposal to construct a solar farm at 250 Carter Street in Manchester. While we are supportive of solar energy, we have received significant concern from our constituents in Manchester about this project and do not feel the current proposed location is appropriate for a solar farm.

The proposed site for this project is a rural residential zoned area and is a very wooded location that is surrounded by two residential neighborhoods. Cutting down over 7 acres of trees to build a project of this scale will harm the local ecosystem and the neighborhoods that surround it. We are concerned for the wellbeing of the residents that live near this location. Noise and safety concerns have been brought to our attention that could negatively impact those living in the area. There will be a gas line that runs through this project and there isn't a fire hydrant close by this could pose a fire risk. The proposed site has historically had problems with water runoff, clearing such a large, wooded area may have unforeseen consequences that could exasperate this problem. Lastly is the issue of noise from the solar farm. Noise from this project will be too close to local homes and will be a burden to homeowners who may not have moved there due to this project and could face lower property values due to the proximity to a solar farm.

For the reasons stated above we would urge the Siting Council to reject this proposal. My colleagues and I are supportive of more green energy, but this project is not suitable for this area and alternative locations in industrially zoned areas should be examined. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or wish to discuss this proposal farther.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MD Rahman".

State Senator MD Rahman



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JDH".

State Representative Jason Doucette