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August 23, 2024

#### **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Attorney Melanie Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

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. **Proposed Modification to Hearing Notice.** 

## Dear Executive Director Bachman:

I believe that the notice dated July 24, 2024 of the Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing for Petition No. 1609 (copy attached) omits an item that should be included in the order of the hearing. That notice states:

"The hearing shall commence with the continued appearance of the Petitioner, TRITEC America, LLC (TRITEC), for cross examination by the Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Development (MARSD) and Raymond Welnicki, to be followed by cross examination by the Council on the new exhibits. "

It should be noted that Raymond Welnicki has not yet cross-examined Rachel and Dana Schnabel and MARSD. Accordingly, I propose that the above quoted paragraph in the hearing notice should be modified as indicated by the wording in bold italics below:

"The hearing shall commence with the continued appearance of the petitioner TRITEC America, LLC (TRITEC), for cross examination by the Manchester Advocates for responsible Solar Development (MARSD) and Raymond Welnicki, to be followed by the appearance of Rachel and Dana Schnabel and MARSD, in that order, for cross examination by Raymond Welnicki, to be followed by cross examination by the Council on the new exhibits."

I believe this proposed wording appropriately describes how the cross examination of Rachel and Dana Schnabel and of MARSD can be completed in an orderly manner.

Respectfully,

Raymond Welnicki

cc: John F. Sullivan, Attorney for Town of Manchester, Raymond Welnicki, Rachel and Dana Schnabel, Rosemary Carroll (on behalf of MARSD), Attorneys for the Petitioner: Paul R. Michaud, Bernadette Antaki, Dylan J. Gillis



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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 24, 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**, **August 27**, **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 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 continued appearance of the Town of Manchester, for cross examination on the new exhibit by the Council, TRITEC, and parties and intervenors in the order on the hearing program. The hearing shall conclude with the appearance of Raymond Welnicki for cross examination by the Council, TRITEC, and parties and intervenors.

**Direct testimony at the hearings is not permitted.** This applies to all parties and intervenors.

All participants shall be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.

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 July 24, 2024

Instructions for Public Access to Petition 1609 Remote Continued Evidentiary Hearing

Session

c: Council Members

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## REVISED SCHEDULE

**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.

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
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing	08/27/2024
(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1609 project webpage	
for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	
Close of Evidentiary Record	08/27/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	09/26/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	09/26/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	10/10/2024
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 Petition No. 1609 Remote Public Hearing August 27, 2024 Evidentiary Session at 2 PM Public Comment Session at 6:30 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 <a href="mailto:sitting.council@ct.gov">sitting.council@ct.gov</a> or by regular mail.
- Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote 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: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84025688477?pwd=Mew9kR6areglrbs7MzXyRFFjrGo75z.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84025688477?pwd=Mew9kR6areglrbs7MzXyRFFjrGo75z.1</a> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Meeting ID# 840 2568 8477 and Passcode: jT6XsZ. No prior software download is required.
- 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 2568 8477 and Passcode: 119143 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 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.