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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 29, 2024

TO: Service List, April 30, 2024

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1611** – LSE Scutum LLC and LSE Bootes LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.93-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Town Farm Road, and Parcel Nos. 86-326 and 86-164, Abbe Road, Enfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Request for Consent to Extend Final Decision Deadline.**

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from counsel for the petitioner, Lee Hoffman, indicating his unavailability for the continued evidentiary hearing session scheduled for June 4, 2024, and notifying the Council of consent among the parties and intervenors to the proceeding to a 45-day extension of the final decision.

The current deadline for a final decision on the above-mentioned petition for a declaratory ruling is August 6, 2024.

Due to the delay that will be caused in rescheduling an additional evidentiary hearing on this matter, and the possibility of scheduling another additional evidentiary hearing thereafter, the Council may need additional time to render a final decision.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176(i), "If an agency does not issue a final decision within one hundred and eighty days after the filing of a petition therefor, **or within such longer period as may be agreed by the parties**, the agency shall be deemed to have decided not to issue such ruling." (Emphasis added).

The Council hereby requests the parties and intervenors to this proceeding to **respond in writing before the close of business on Friday, May 31, 2024** as to whether there is agreement to grant the Council an extension of time to November 8, 2024 to render a final decision on this petition.

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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c: Council Members



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May 28, 2024

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Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, LSE Scutum LLC and LSE Bootes LLC, (“Lodestar”) in connection with the above-referenced Petition. As you are aware, the Council recently revised the schedule for this Petition so that the next evidentiary session is scheduled for June 4, 2024. The undersigned counsel is scheduled to be out of the country that week and will therefore not be available for the evidentiary session on that day.

Lodestar therefore requests that the schedule for this Petition be adjusted. Counsel has contacted counsel for the Town of Enfield and each of the intervenors to ask for their consent to an adjusted schedule. The Town and each of the intervenors agreed to a schedule that would extend the deadlines for the petition for a period of up to forty-five (45) days. This will allow the for the Council to reschedule the June 4, 2024 hearing date and to have sufficient time to review the record and render a decision in the matter.

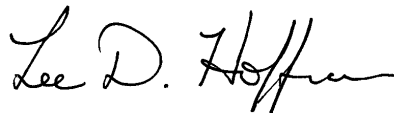
I am therefore submitting a proposed schedule on the following page that all participants in this Petition have agreed to. The hearing date would be scheduled at the Council’s convenience, and we would anticipate that the deadline for the submission of late filed exhibits would be one week prior to the newly scheduled hearing date. Thus, a few of the dates in the proposed schedule would need to be adjusted by the Council. The bold text in the schedule below is the same as in the original schedule the Siting Council issued. Where the proposed 45-day extension would

cause the date to fall on a holiday or weekend, I moved the date to the next business day. The proposed revised schedule would look as follows:

Petition received	02/08/2024
<b>Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing</b>	<b>03/28/2024</b>
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set One Issued</li><li>• Set One Responses due</li></ul>	04/18/2024 05/09/2024
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing (11:00 a.m.)	04/24/2024
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	05/02/2024
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	05/09/2024
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	05/09/2024
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment	05/16/2024
<b>Deadline for submission of late filed exhibits</b>	<b>07/12/2024</b>
<b>Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing</b> <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1611 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	<b>07/19/2024</b>
Close of Evidentiary Record	07/19/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	08/19/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	09/02/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/16/2024
<b>Deadline for Decision</b>	<b>09/20/2024</b>

As indicated above, all participants in this Petition have agreed to this revised schedule. I thank the Council in advance for its consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Lee D. Hoffman