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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 16, 2024

TO: Service List dated April 25, 2024

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1622** – C-Tec Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.66-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 186 Foster Street, South Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will hold a pre-hearing conference via Zoom Remote Conferencing on procedural matters on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m. All parties and intervenors are requested to participate. The purpose of this pre-hearing conference is to expedite the hearing procedure without sacrificing an informative record necessary for the Council to render a decision.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85782736796?pwd=ThQ9S9enJavUhBE94Ic4dnbFHuRkVo.1 Meeting ID: 857 8273 6796 Passcode: tzj44e

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During the conference, parties and intervenors will be encouraged to discuss requirements for prefiled testimony, exhibit lists, administrative notice lists, expected witness lists, and the filing of prehearing interrogatories. To save the time and expense of the public, **the Council does not allow direct testimony** at the public hearing.

Each party and intervenor is requested to provide all other parties and intervenors a list of witnesses and the subjects their pre-filed testimony will address, a list of documents to be administratively noticed, and copies of any available exhibits to be offered at the public hearing.

For parties and intervenors who are not represented by counsel, please indicate in writing who shall be the **designated representative for the public hearing in the witness list.**

For the petitioner, please indicate in writing who shall be the **designated presenter during the** 6:30 p.m. public comment session in the witness list and what site plan will be used for the presentation. Please submit the site plan for the presentation as a separate pdf for posting to the Council's website.

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Connecticut Siting Council Pre-Hearing Conference: Procedure for Public Hearing of June 27, 2024

PETITION NO. 1622 – C-Tec Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.66-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 186 Foster Street, South Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Pre-hearing Procedure

- 1. On or before June 13, 2024, all parties and intervenors are requested to electronically exchange pre-hearing interrogatories with all other parties and intervenors.
- 2. On or before June 20, 2024, all parties and intervenors are requested to file responses to pre-hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with the Council and all other parties and intervenors. For parties and intervenors who are not represented by counsel, please indicate in writing who shall be the **designated representative for the public hearing in the witness list**. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing.
- 3. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to electronically file a written petition with the Council on or before June 20, 2024.
- 4. Pursuant to § 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), at least ten days prior to the public hearing, the petitioner shall erect and maintain, in a legible condition, a sign not less than six feet by four feet along a public road at or in the vicinity of where the proposed facility would be located. The sign shall set forth the name of the petitioner, the type of facility, the public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (Web site and phone number). The sign shall not be removed from the site until after the commencement of the evening public comment session.
- 5. Attached is a list of the Council's administrative notice items. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the hearing.

Hearing Procedure

6. The 2:00 p.m., June 27, 2024, evidentiary hearing session will provide the petitioner, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to introduce exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The petitioner will be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by the Council and all parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to introduce their exhibits and witness panels, and be subject to cross-examination by the Council, the petitioner and all other parties and intervenors.

- 7. The order of appearances and cross-examination will be governed by a Hearing Program developed by the Council for the proceeding. The Council will issue the Hearing Program prior to the public hearing.
- 8. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the Zoom meeting and will be turned on in the order of party appearances and cross examination governed by the Hearing Program.
- 9. If any party or intervenor designated representative or witness is using the Zoom dialin option from a telephone, the phone number and name of the person must be provided in writing to the Council in advance so the phone number can be matched with the appropriate designated representative or witness. If the phone number and name of the person is not provided in writing to the Council in advance, they will not be admitted into the meeting.
- 10. The 6:30 p.m. public comment session on June 27, 2024, will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. **Public statements will be limited to 3 minutes**. The Council requests that the petitioner conduct a brief presentation prior to public comment, describing proposed facility features from a site plan already submitted into the record. For the petitioner, please indicate in writing who shall be the **designated presenter during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session in the witness list. This site plan will be projected on the Zoom meeting screen during the public comment session.**
- 11. The Council may, at its discretion, group parties and intervenors with the same interests.
- 12. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
- 13. Pursuant to RCSA §16-50j-15b, any party or intervenor, including those that are members of non-profit corporations or citizens groups, that have attained party or intervenor status in the proceeding are deemed to be represented in the proceeding and may not submit oral or written limited appearance statements.
- 14. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.
- 15. Any person may be removed from the evidentiary session and/or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.

Post-hearing procedure

- 16. A verbatim transcript of the evidentiary and public comment hearing sessions will be posted on the Council's project webpage and deposited with the South Windsor's Town Clerk's Office, South Windsor, Connecticut for the convenience of the public.
- 17. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the public hearing.
- 18. Members of the public will be allowed to make brief statements within 30 days after the close of the public hearing.
- 19. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and written statements will be final and no extensions will be granted.



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- Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89301606881?pwd=Q6tcEdeyUtLf1dxwbdeqMNKXHYaS4c.1</u> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Meeting ID# 893 0160 6881 and Passcode: EN4ft5. No prior software download is required.
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- 3. 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.
- 4. If any participant is using the dial-in option from a telephone, the phone number and name of the participant must be provided in advance so the phone number can be matched with the appropriate participant by NAME. If the phone number and name of the person is not provided in writing to the Council in advance, they will not be admitted into the meeting. If using the link, unless the participant types in their name when entering the meeting, the email and name of the participant must be provided in advance so the email can be matched with the appropriate participant by NAME. If the NAME of the person is not typed in or provided when entering the meeting, they will not be admitted into the meeting. Please inform your witness panels.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The Presiding Officer will read an opening statement and cross examination of the petitioner by the Council will commence, one by one, beginning with the staff analyst. Thereafter, the designated representative for each party and intervenor will cross examine the petitioner.
- 7. Once cross examination of the petitioner by the Council and all parties and intervenors concludes, cross examination of the next party listed on the Hearing Program by the Council will commence, one by one, beginning with the staff analyst. Thereafter, the designated representative for each party and intervenor will cross examine the appearing party.