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**Subject:** RE: Timeframe of Opportunity for public comment re Petition 1622

Good morning, Jonathan and Kathryn.

Thank you for your request for party status, for attending our meeting yesterday afternoon and for your email.

In response to your questions, the deadline for public comment applies to interested persons who do not request party or intervenor status, but who would like to submit comments and concerns to the Siting Council related to the proposed solar facility. It has no impact on your pending request for party status and participation in the proceeding. Also, the public comment deadline could be extended upon written request from any interested person, but cannot be extended any later than 60 days after the petition was received by statute.

Within 60 days of receipt of a petition for a declaratory ruling, the Siting Council must (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. The 60-day deadline for Petition 1622 is May 13, 2024.

Please note, I italicized “hold a public hearing on the matter” above because after the Siting Council meeting yesterday, the Town of South Windsor submitted a request for party status and a public hearing. The requests will be posted to the Petition 1622 project webpage today. Here is a link to the project webpage: [https://portal.ct.gov/csc/3\\_petitions/petition-nos-1601-1700/pe1622](https://portal.ct.gov/csc/3_petitions/petition-nos-1601-1700/pe1622)

Your request for party status and the Town’s requests will be on our next meeting agenda scheduled for April 25, 2024. If the Siting Council votes to grant the Town’s request for a public hearing, there would be a 6:30 PM public comment session for interested persons who are not parties or intervenors to the proceeding to provide oral comments, and the hearing schedule would extend the public comment deadline for any interested person to submit written comments to 30 days after the close of the hearing.

I hope this is responsive. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

Thanks. Have a great day.

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I am writing in order to get a better understanding of the time limitations and methods for providing comment regarding the referenced Petition 1622 before the Siting Council. My wife Kathy and I have filed an application to be a party relative to the deliberations on this Petition as individuals that own residential property that abuts the proposed site of a solar farm facility.

According to the schedule provided on the Council website relative to this matter there is a deadline for public comment that is shown to be April 13, 2024. Since this petition just came before the Council at today's meeting and there has not been any action taken regarding our application or scheduling we are wondering if the April 13<sup>th</sup> date is still applicable.

Our intention is to provide commentary that includes some expert analysis regarding our areas of concern and we are in the process of reaching out to experts who would be in a position to provide some scientific analysis of the proposal that is independent of the analyses that have been provided by the developer. If we must comply with the April 13<sup>th</sup> date it will likely significantly inhibit our opportunity to assemble that knowledge. We are hopeful that our status as a party would extend for us the timeframes within which we will be able to operate.

Please advise as to what protocols we will be governed by.

Thank you.

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