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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 12, 2024

Monique Pezic
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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. **Request for Party Status.**

Dear Monique Pezic:

In response to your request of March 21, 2024, during a regular meeting held on April 11, 2024, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted you Party status in Petition No. 1622.

All filings submitted to the Council must consist of an original and 15 copies with the petition number, properly collated and paginated, and bound. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings be sent to siting.council@ct.gov.

The Council's preferred service to parties and intervenors is electronic mail. If you wish to receive hard copies of documents via regular mail, please notify the Council in writing. Parties and intervenors are required to serve all other parties and intervenors a copy of any material submitted in this petition, unless service is waived. A copy of the current service list for this matter can be found on the Council's website.

Copies of all documents filed to date in this matter are available for your review at the Council's office and on the Council's website under pending matters. Please contact me if you require any further information regarding the Council's procedure.

In consideration of the Town of South Windsor's pending request for a public hearing, dated April 11, 2024, the Council's Guide to Party and Intervenor Status in a Petition for a Declaratory Ruling With and Without a Public Hearing are attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman".

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Council's Information Guide to Party and Intervenor Status (2)
Schedule, dated April 12, 2024

c: Service List, dated April 11, 2024



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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	03/14/2024
Public Comment Period Deadline	04/13/2024
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set One Issued• Set One Responses due	TBD TBD
Deadline for Action	05/13/2024
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors (P&I)	TBD
Response to P&I Interrogatories due	TBD
Deadline for Decision	09/10/2024



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CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL INFORMATION GUIDE TO PARTY AND INTERVENOR STATUS IN A PETITION FOR A DECLARATORY RULING WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will name or admit as a **party** any person whose legal rights, duties or privileges will be specifically affected by the Council's decision in a petition for a declaratory ruling (petition).

The Council will name or admit as an **intervenor** any person whose participation is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly conduct of the petition process.

Service List and Service Requirements

Once a person is named or admitted as a party or intervenor, they will be added to the "Service List," which lists all of the participants in a petition that is prepared and made available to the public under the link for a specific petition on the "Pending Matters" page on the Council website. Parties and intervenors will receive documents via e-mail. If a party or intervenor prefer to have hard copies of documents via regular mail, they must notify the Council in writing. Also, documents filed with the Council must contain one original, 15 copies and an electronic version for scanning to the website via e-mail or disk. The Council, parties and intervenors must send a copy of any document filed in a petition to every person on the service list and include a certification as follows:

"I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was electronically mailed to the following service list on (date)." Signature and printed name of the sender.

Petition Process

- A. 30-day Notice Period:** Petitioners are required to notify and provide a copy of the petition to the host municipality and abutting property owners. When a petition is submitted to the Council, the Council provides notice of receipt of the petition to the host municipality and provides a 30-day comment period for the host municipality and any other interested persons to comment on the petition. During this 30-day notice period, the Council **may** schedule a public field review of the site.
- B. Public Field Review, if applicable:** If a public field review of the site is scheduled to be held, the Council provides notice to the Secretary of State, the host municipality, the petitioner and parties and intervenors to the petition. A copy of the field review notice is published on the Secretary of State's website, posted on the Council's website calendar and webpage for the subject petition. During the on-site public field review, the petitioner will provide an overview of the project and the Council, representatives of the municipality, parties, intervenors and the public may ask questions of the petitioner on the project.
- C. Requests for Additional Information:** When a petition is received, the Council may submit written questions to the petitioner on the proposed project requesting written responses within a period of time specified by the Council. The Council may also request additional information to be submitted within a period of time specified by the Council before, during or after the public field review is held, if applicable.

D. Petition Timeframe: The Council shall issue a decision on a petition for a declaratory ruling within 180 days of receipt of a petition for a declaratory ruling. Within 60 days after receipt of a petition for a declaratory ruling, the Council, in writing shall:

1. Issue a declaratory ruling;
2. Order the matter set for a specified proceeding;
3. Agree to issue a declaratory ruling by a specified date within 180 days of receipt of the petition;
4. Initiate regulation-making proceedings; or
5. Decide not to issue a declaratory ruling, stating the reasons for the action.

E. Final Decision on Petition: The Council will render a final decision at a regular Council meeting. The agenda for all Council meetings is published on the Council website. All parties and intervenors to a petition that is on an agenda will receive a copy of the agenda. Although regular Council meetings are open to the public, there is no opportunity for public participation during the meeting. All parties and intervenors will receive a copy of the final decision in the mail.



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The Council will name or admit as an **intervenor** any person whose participation is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

Service List and Service Requirements

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Conduct of the Proceedings

- A. Pre-hearing Conference:** The Council will schedule a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters in the Council's office or by telephone. All parties and intervenors are requested to attend or participate. This is the proper venue to informally discuss the Council's procedure and ask any questions related to procedure. Failure to attend results in a lost opportunity to discuss process matters. The Council will also announce a schedule for the submission of pre-filed testimony and pre-hearing interrogatories.
- B. Pre-Filed Testimony:** The Council requires that testimony be pre-filed with the service list before the hearing to avoid direct testimony and to save the time and expense of the public at the hearing. Pre-filed testimony is the only chance for parties and intervenors to make a statement of position. Pre-filed testimony is posted on the docket webpage and is part of the record in a proceeding. Pre-filed testimony consists of allegations of fact and statements of position with exhibits attached in support of the allegations of fact and stated position. Parties and intervenors are not permitted to make statements (ex. directly testify) during the hearing.
- C. Pre-hearing Interrogatories:** The Council encourages parties and intervenors to file pre-hearing questions to the petitioner and other parties and intervenors in the proceeding on any information in the record, including, but not limited to, the application, other pre-hearing questions, pre-filed testimony of the petitioner or pre-filed testimony of other parties and intervenors in the proceeding. Pre-hearing questions are an opportunity for parties and intervenors to request more information. The petitioner, parties and intervenors are obligated to respond to pre-hearing questions directed to them that are filed by the Council, the petitioner and any party or intervenor in the proceeding in accordance with the schedule announced by the Council.

- D. Administrative Notice:** The Council routinely develops a list of exhibits known as “Administrative Notice Items” in every docket. Administrative Notice items are generally recognized technical or scientific facts within the Council’s specialized knowledge, including, but not limited to, prior decisions of the Council, publications of federal state agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission and publications of other state agencies such as the Department of Transportation. Scientific studies or publications for which the author is not available for questioning by participants in the proceeding should be submitted as administrative notice items rather than exhibits attached to pre-filed testimony.
- E. Experts and/or Witnesses:** Experts and/or witnesses are the authors of pre-filed testimony and attached exhibits. They are the sponsors of the information contained in pre-filed testimony and are sworn in during the hearing. After the experts and/or witnesses are sworn in, they are made available for questioning by the Council and other participants in the proceeding. Experts and/or witnesses may not present new evidence or provide direct testimony. For example, if a party or intervenor presents a land survey in their pre-filed testimony, the author or engineer that prepared the land survey must be present at the hearing, sworn in and available to answer questions pertaining to the land survey that are asked by the Council and the other participants in the proceeding.
- F. Cross examination at the hearing:** The Council, petitioner, parties and intervenors have an opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses appearing on behalf of the petitioner or other parties and intervenors during the hearing. This means that the person conducting the cross-examination asks questions of the witnesses. The petitioner and parties and intervenors submit to cross-examination from the Council, the petitioner and other parties and intervenors. The order of appearances and cross examination will be governed by a hearing program developed by the Council for the proceeding. Order of appearance is determined by the order in which parties and intervenors were named or admitted by the Council. Typically, the hearing proceeds as follows:
1. Opening Statement from the Council Chairman
 2. Administrative Notice Items of the Council
 3. **Petitioner’s Appearance**
 - a. Identification of Exhibits (pre-filed testimony, responses to pre-hearing interrogatories)
 - b. Swear Witnesses
 - c. Cross Examination of the Petitioner by:
 - i. Council
 - ii. Party
 - iii. Intervenor
 4. **Appearance by Party**
 - a. Identification of Exhibits (pre-filed testimony, responses to pre-hearing interrogatories)
 - b. Swear Witnesses
 - c. Cross Examination of Party by:
 - i. Council
 - ii. Petitioner
 - iii. Intervenor

5. **Appearance by Intervenor**
 - a. Identification of Exhibits (pre-filed testimony, responses to pre-hearing interrogatories)
 - b. Swear Witnesses
 - c. Cross Examination of Intervenor by:
 - i. Council
 - ii. Petitioner
 - iii. Party
6. **Oral Limited Appearance Statements/Public Comment Session**
 - this portion of the hearing is reserved for members of the public who are not parties and intervenors in the proceeding to express concerns
 - members of citizens' groups or associations that have attained party or intervenor status are represented by the group or association and may not also provide oral limited appearance statements
7. **Rebuttal by Petitioner:** Limited to facts and evidence addressed during the hearing. No argument or closing statements/remarks will be allowed.

G. Post-Hearing Procedure: At the conclusion of the hearing, when the evidentiary record is officially closed, the Council announces a post-hearing schedule for written limited appearance statements, briefs and proposed findings of fact. No new information, no new evidence and no arguments will be considered by the Council.

1. **30 Day Written Limited Appearance/Public Comment Period:** Written limited appearance statements from the public are accepted within 30 days after the close of the hearing. Parties and intervenors may not submit additional written statements after the close of the evidentiary record.
2. **Post Hearing Brief and Proposed Findings of Fact Schedule:** Parties and intervenors may file a brief with the Council summarizing allegations of fact and statements of position presented during the evidentiary hearing. Parties and intervenors may also submit suggestions of facts in the record for inclusion in the Council's final decision.
3. **Draft Findings of Fact Issued by Council:** The Council will issue draft findings of fact from the record to be issued as part of the final decision. Parties and intervenors will be given an opportunity to identify errors or inconsistencies between the Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
4. **Final Decision:** The Council will make a final decision at a regular Council meeting. The agenda for all Council meetings is published on the Council website. All parties and intervenors to a docket that is on an agenda will receive a copy of the agenda. Although regular Council meetings are open to the public, there is no opportunity for public participation during the meeting. All parties and intervenors will receive a copy of the final decision

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Petitioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	C-Tec Solar, LLC	<p>Lee Hoffman, Esq. Pullman & Comley 90 State House Square Hartford, CT 06103-3702 (860) 424-4315 lhoffman@pullman.com</p> <p>Michael Morrison C-Tec Solar, LLC 1 Griffin Road South Suite 200 Bloomfield, CT 06002 (860) 580-7174 ext. 121 michael.morrison@ctecsolar.com</p>
Party (granted on 04/11/24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	<p>Monique Pezic 178 Foster Street South Windsor, CT 06074 (860) 372-8138 mjpezic@gmail.com</p>	