

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

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C-TEC SOLAR, LLC PETITION FOR)	PETITION NO. 1622
DECLARATORY RULING THAT NO)	
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL)	
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED)	
IS REQUIRED FOR A 1.66 MEGAWATT)	
AC SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC)	April 11, 2024
GENERATING FACILITY IN SOUTH)	
WINDSOR CONNECTICUT)	
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APPLICATION FOR PARTY STATUS

Pursuant to General Statutes §§ 16-50n and 4-177a, as well as §§ 16-50j-17 and 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Town of South Windsor (“Town”), through counsel, respectfully requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”), grant the Town party status in Petition No. 1622 (“Petition”), filed by C-TEC Solar, LLC (“Petitioner”). In support of this Application, the Town states as follows:

1. The proposed 1.66 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility (“Project”) is proposed within the legal boundaries of the Town. (*Petition, pp. 1, 4, 5, 7 and 15.*)
2. By virtue of the Home Rule Act, General Statutes § 7-148 *et seq.*, and its organic legislation, the Town is obligated to preserve the public welfare and wellbeing of its inhabitants.
3. The Town has promulgated and continues to enforce land use regulations as well as other environmental regulations in furtherance of its duties.
4. It is the Town’s imperative to ensure that any development, including the proposed Project, comports to and is in harmony with the Town’s land use and environmental regulations as well as other policies of the Town, including, but not limited to, the impact of the Project on environmental resources, nearby residential neighborhoods, aesthetics and historical preservation.

5. The Town's participation as a Party in this proceeding is necessary to represent the legal rights, duties and privileges of the Town and its inhabitants, which are directly impacted by the Project.

6. The Town seeks to participate fully in the proceedings, including but not limited to, the submission of interrogatories and documentary evidence concerning the Project, as well as present testimony and witnesses in the event the Council elects to conduct a hearing, as well as any post hearing filings or proceedings.

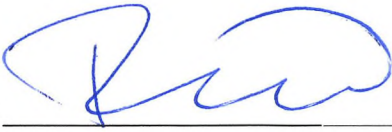
7. The Town would submit evidence concerning the conformity of the Project, or lack thereof, with the Town's land use and environmental regulations, its Plan of Conservation of Development, as well as provide information concerning the Project's compliance with General Statutes § 16-50g *et seq.* and impact of the proposed Project on the Town and its inhabitants.

8. The Council is required to designate party status to recipients of notice under General Statutes § 16-50l. General Statutes § 16-50n(a)(2). Hence, the Council is accustomed to granting party status to recipients of notice under General Statutes § 16-50l, which includes the municipality in which the proposed facility would be located. Petitioner provided the Town with notice in accordance with General Statutes § 16-50l. Regs., Conn. State Agencies § 16-50j-40(a). Section 16-50l constitutes a legislative mandate that such recipients have a specific and personal legal interest in the subject matter of the proceeding. Accordingly, that legislative pronouncement should be applied to the Town in this proceeding. Additionally, the Town's involvement will aid the Council in reaching a fair and informed decision in the proceeding and will not interfere with the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the Town respectfully requests that the Council grant it party status in connection with the Petition.

Respectfully submitted by,

THE TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on this day that the foregoing was delivered by electronic mail and regular mail, postage prepaid, in accordance with § 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to all parties and intervenors of record, as follows:

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