

DECOMMISSIONING AND RESTORATION PLAN

HQCA BESF

40 Norwich Road, Waterford, Connecticut

March 1, 2024

I. HQCA BESF Site Description and Current Status

The HQCA BESF will be located at 40 Norwich Road, Waterford also identified as Town of Waterford Assessor's ID: 498600 (the "Host Parcel"). The Host Parcel is 0.98 acres, previously disturbed and partially graded. There is a small, vacant commercial building on the eastern portion of the property. The Company leases a portion of the Host Parcel within which the HQCA BESF will be located (the "Leased Premises"). An existing utility pole on Norwich Road will be utilized for interconnection via an underground interconnection cable from the HQCA BESF to a utility pole located on Norwich Road. The utility pole is owned by The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource").

Access ("Access Easement Area") between the HQCA BESF and the public Norwich Road will start from the existing curb cut on the Host Parcel from Norwich Road and over the existing pavement on the Host Parcel. Access to the HQCA BESF will continue in the form of a new gravel access way from the end of the existing paved portion of the Access Easement Area to the gated fence of the HQCA BESF. Per its lease agreement, Qcells and its agents and contractors will have the non-exclusive right of ingress and egress on, under, over, and across such Access Easement Area.

The area around the HQCA BESF is generally commercial in nature, including an office building located to the north and a commercial shopping plaza located to the south. A Low Density Residential District (R-40) is located west of the Host Parcel. Connecticut State Route 32 ("CT

Route 32” or “Norwich Road”) runs to the immediate east of the Host Parcel. Across CT Route 32 is a cemetery.

II. HQCA BESF Decommissioning and Restoration Plan

The HQCA BESF is expected to have an economic and technological useful life of approximately thirty years.

The objective of the Decommissioning and Restoration Plan is to safely decommission the HQCA BESF by dismantling and removing the entire HQCA BESF and to restore the surface of the HQCA BESF site to a condition reasonably similar to that existing on the Host Parcel as of the effective date of the Lease.

A. Decommissioning and Restoration Plan Sequence

A Waterford site-specific HQCA BESF health and safety plan will be created articulating procedures regarding the decommissioning of the HQCA BESF and restoration of the Host Parcel surface.

Decommissioning and restoration will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

B. General Decommissioning and Restoration Plan Sequence:

1. Equipment de-energized: Disconnect power and communications.
 - Plan for de-energizing HQCA BESF by qualified electricians will allow for safe decommissioning.
2. Remove coolant, Ester oil, etc.
 - Performed by qualified and trained technicians.
3. Dismantle and remove HQCA BESF equipment suitable for resale.
4. Dismantle and remove HQCA BESF equipment suitable for recycling.
5. Demolish and remove other above-grade equipment.
 - Crane may be utilized to remove BESS Units from site. If so, crane permitting will be coordinated with the Town of Waterford.

6. Remove HQCA BESF equipment not less than three feet below grade.
7. Grade with topsoil and reseed areas where pads located with grasses or natural vegetation.
8. Any gravel access way constructed by Qcells on Host Parcel may remain on Host Parcel unless ground owner specifically requests removal.

C. Compliance

Decommissioning and restoration activities will adhere to all CT Siting Council requirements and local, state and federal regulations.

Environmentally appropriate methods of deconstruction will be applied. The entire decommissioning and restoration process will be subject to quality control and documentation.

Environmental permitting and licenses associated with the operation of the HQCA BESF will be closed with appropriate state and federal agencies. A demolition permit may be required by the Town of Waterford.