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July 12, 2024

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1623** - HQCA Energy Solutions, 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 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 40 Norwich Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Request for Extension to Submit Interrogatory Responses and Written Consent for Extension of Time to Render a Final Decision.**

Dear Attorney Cook:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of HQCA Energy Solutions, LLC's (HQCA) request for an additional extension of time to respond to interrogatories and written consent to the extension of the deadline for the Council to render a final decision on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling, dated July 12, 2024. The current deadline to submit interrogatory responses is July 19, 2024 and the current deadline for a final decision is September 23, 2024.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176(i), "If an agency does not issue a final decision within one hundred and eighty days after the filing of a petition therefor, **or within such longer period as may be agreed by the parties**, the agency shall be deemed to have decided not to issue such ruling." (Emphasis added).

It is the Council's understanding from the July 12, 2024 correspondence that the design of the proposed facility requires modifications due to a change in the equipment manufacturer of the battery storage units.

The Council acknowledges HQCA's written consent to extend the deadline for the Council to render a final decision on this petition for a declaratory ruling to no later than **November 1, 2024**.

Additionally, the Council hereby grants the request for an additional extension of time to August 30, 2024 to submit interrogatory responses, pursuant to Section 16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Revised Schedule, dated July 12, 2024

c: The Honorable Robert J. Brule, First Selectperson, Town of Waterford (firstsel@waterfordct.org)
Service List, dated March 28, 2024



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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	03/27/2024
Public Comment Period Deadline	04/26/2024
Council 60-day Action – Set Date for Decision to 09/23/2024	05/09/2024
Deadline for Action	05/26/2024
Council Interrogatories	
• Set-One Issued	06/05/2024
• Set-One Responses Due	06/26/2024
• Set-One Responses Due w/Extension	07/19/2024
• Set-One Responses Due w/Additional Extension	08/30/2024
Deadline for Decision	09/23/2024
Extension of Deadline for Decision pursuant to CGS §4-176(i) per written consent from Petitioner	11/01/2024



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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Certified Mail

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Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client HQCA Energy Solutions, LLC (“Petitioner”) in connection with the above-captioned Petition.

On June 21, 2024, the Connecticut Siting Council granted Petitioner’s request to extend the time to provide responses to Council Interrogatories to Petitioner (“Interrogatories”) to July 19, 2024 due to a change in Battery Energy Storage Facility (“BESF”) equipment manufacturer. Since then, Petitioner has been diligently working on crafting responses to the Interrogatories.

The change in the Battery Energy Storage Facility (“BESF”) equipment has necessitated revisions to the site plans. The change in BESF equipment has also necessitated a new sound report. And Petitioner continues to address a number of Interrogatories that require additional analysis due to the change in BESF equipment. As a result, Petitioner requires additional time to provide full and complete responses to the Interrogatories.

For the reasons set forth above and pursuant to § 16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Petitioner respectfully moves for an extension of time in which to provide responses to Interrogatories to August 30, 2024.

Petition No. 1623

July 12, 2024

In addition, in recognition of the additional time requested for Petitioner to provide responses to the Interrogatories to the Council, pursuant to General Statutes § 4-176(i), the Petitioner respectfully moves for and consents to an extension of the Deadline for Decision for Petition No. 1623 from September 23, 2024 to November 1, 2024.

The Council's consideration of these requests is appreciated.

The original and fifteen copies of this motion are being mailed via U.S. Certified Mail to the Council's office.

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was sent via electronic mail to the service list for Petition No. 1623 on July 12, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Mark J. Cook, Esq.