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Hearing Program
Petition No.1643
Thursday, January 16, 2025
2:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.
Zoom Remote Public Hearing

- I. Opening by Council
 - A. Statement read by Presiding Officer
 - B. Petitioner's Motion for Protective Order - Response to Council Interrogatory No. 12 - Lease Agreement Financial Terms, dated January 9, 2025
 - C. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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- F. Municipal comments
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 3. Town of Thompson Comments, dated December 18, 2024

II. Appearance by Petitioner: C-Tec Solar, LLC (CTEC)

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A. Administrative Notice.

B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Petition for a Declaratory Ruling, received September 30, 2024, and attachments.
2. Sign Posting Affidavit, dated January 9, 2025
3. Responses to Council Interrogatories and attachments, dated January 9, 2025

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4. Signed Protective Order - Response to Council Interrogatory No. 12 - Lease Agreement Financial Terms, dated January 16, 2025

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Michael Morrison, Commercial Project Coordinator, C-Tec Solar, LLC
2. Steve Kochis, PE, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
3. Sara Berryman, PWS, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

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III. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.