

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Petition No. 1655

Borrelli 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 1.99-Megawatt AC
Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility and
Associated Equipment to be Located at 179 and 197
Borrelli Road, East Haven, Connecticut, and
Associated Electrical Interconnection.

Zoom Remote Public Hearing (Teleconference),
on Thursday, April 10, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :

ELIN S. KATZ, ESQ., THE CHAIR

1 **A p p e a r a n c e s :**

2 **Councilmembers:**

3 **ELIN S. KATZ, ESQ. (Chair)**

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5 **QUAT NGUYEN,**

6 **PURA Designee**

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14 **Siting Analyst**

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17 **Executive Director and Staff Attorney**

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20 **Administrative Support**

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23 **For BORRELLI SOLAR, LLC:**

24 **RODNEY GALTON, P.E., Ecos Energy**

1 (Begin: 6:30 p.m.)

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3 THE CHAIR: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, this hearing
4 is called to order this Thursday, April 10, 2025,
5 at 6:30. My name is Elin Katz, Chair Designate of
6 the Connecticut Siting Council.

7 Other members of the Council are, Quat
8 Nguyen, John Morissette, Chance Carter, Khristine
9 Hall, and I think that's everyone I see on this
10 call right now.

11 If you haven't already done so, I ask
12 everyone to please mute their computer audio or
13 telephones right now.

14 This is a continuation of a public hearing
15 that began at 2 p.m. this afternoon. A copy of
16 the prepared agenda is available on the Council's
17 website, along with the record of this matter, the
18 public hearing notice, instructions for public
19 access to this hearing and the Council's citizen
20 guide to siting council procedures.

21 This hearing is held pursuant to the
22 provisions of Title 19 of the Connecticut General
23 Statutes and of the Uniform Procedures Act,
24 pursuant to a petition from Borrelli Solar, LLC,
25 for a declaratory ruling pursuant to Connecticut

1 General Statute, Section 4-176 and 16-50k for the
2 proposed construction, maintenance, and operation
3 of a 1.9-megawatt AC solar voltaic electric
4 generating facility and associated equipment to be
5 installed at 179 and 197 Borrelli Road, East
6 Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical
7 connection.

8 A complete petition was received by the
9 Council on January 15, 2025. The Council's legal
10 notice of the date and the time of this public
11 hearing was published in the New Haven Register on
12 March 10, 2025.

13 The Council requested the Petitioner to erect
14 a sign in the vicinity of the proposed site to
15 inform the public of the name of the petitioner,
16 the type of facility, the public hearing
17 information and the contact information for the
18 Council, which included website and phone number.

19 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
20 communications with a member of the Council or a
21 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of
22 this petition are prohibited by law.

23 This public comment session is reserved for
24 members of the public who signed up to make brief
25 statements into the record. The deadline for the

1 public to sign up to speak during this public
2 comment session was Wednesday, April 9, 2025. No
3 member of the public is signed up to speak.

4 Please be advised that written comments may
5 be submitted by any person within 30 days of this
6 hearing.

7 At this time, I request the Petitioner to
8 make a very brief presentation to the public
9 describing the proposed facility.

10 Mr. Galton?

11 RODNEY GALTON: Good evening. Thank you once again for
12 having us. And as soon as the site plan comes
13 up -- there it is -- I will go through the
14 project.

15 So, like you stated, this project, proposed
16 project is located at 179 and 197 Borrelli Road in
17 East Haven. The two parcels have a total acreage
18 of 12.95. We are proposing a 1.99 megawatt solar
19 facility here. The central array, the large
20 array, is 1.49 megawatts. The array in the
21 northwest corner is 0.5 megawatts.

22 The interconnection will be off of Borrelli
23 Road. We will require a new mid-span pole to be
24 placed and we will have power from that pole into
25 the site.

1 The access road, which is an existing access
2 road, will remain in place and we will utilize
3 that road. The power will come in along that
4 existing access drive and it will meet our
5 equipment pads. The equipment pads, the power
6 from the equipment pads will be underground with a
7 riser to the last utility pole.

8 Stormwater for the project is achieved --
9 stormwater control is achieved with three
10 stormwater basins. One is the east/southeast
11 portion of the array; that is basin number one.

12 The large basin just south of the northwest
13 array is basin number two. Basin number two flows
14 into basin number three, which discharges to the
15 wetland. The basin number one also discharges to
16 the wetland along the easterly portion of the
17 property.

18 There are two small wetland pockets that have
19 developed since this rock quarry has been closed.
20 One is proximate to Borrelli Road, south of the
21 proposed array and one is north of the proposed
22 array. And again, these wetlands are essentially
23 just a groundwater breakout.

24 So, we have two areas where we're going to
25 have inverter racks; one is to the west of the

1 central array, which will handle the power from
2 the northwest array; and then we have an inverter
3 rack just west of the central array near the
4 access drive that will handle the central array.
5 All that ties into our equipment pads, that
6 equipment pad underground to the proposed
7 utilities.

8 We have proposed to do a ballast-type system
9 here. We believe it suits this particular site
10 best instead of doing ground screws or driven
11 pile. Given the amount of fill on site, we are
12 concerned that we would have some very long posts
13 and piles in the ground, and we think it's
14 counterproductive at that point. We also know
15 that there's rock in this area, given the cliff
16 face that everybody can see in the pictures. So,
17 that's another reason why we went with the ballast
18 system.

19 We will have two fences which run along the
20 outside of each array. There are two separate
21 fences; the fence for the northwest array, and the
22 fence that goes around the stormwater controls and
23 the array and the proposed equipment for the
24 central array.

25 We have designed this project to basically

1 take the advantages of the topo in the central
2 area, and we are only grading in the areas of the
3 stormwater controls. That area is relatively flat
4 now and it drains ever so, so slight to the east
5 portion in that wetland system to the east. But
6 again, the grading that we're proposing is
7 strictly a part of the stormwater controls that we
8 have shown.

9 The array in the northwest, we are utilizing
10 the existing drainage pattern that exists now.
11 That area, more or less, drains to the center of
12 that plateau and then runs over the cliff face.
13 So, we are grading that entire array area and we
14 are going to keep that drainage pattern the same.
15 Everything is going to drain back into the site.
16 Nothing is pushed out towards the property lines.

17 That -- we are proposing a swale. That swale
18 will run to the cliff face and the water will run
19 down the cliff face, as it does now. And then
20 from there, it enters basin two, which eventually
21 gets to basin one and then outlets to the wetland
22 to the east.

23 The proposed drive is, again, it's an
24 existing drive. We are proposing to just improve
25 it in areas and give it a proper driving surface

1 for vehicular access. It will be twelve feet
2 wide, and which does meet the Town of East Haven's
3 bylaws. So, we will keep that width twelve feet
4 all the way from the entrance to where it
5 terminates in the northwest.

6 At this point, we do have some grading in the
7 wetland buffer. It is essentially the stormwater
8 swale that conveys water to basin one and basin
9 three. That wetland to the east is a forested
10 wetland and there is a steep slope that runs from
11 the edge of that stormwater swale down to the
12 wetland. So again, all of the stormwater for this
13 project is contained in its boundaries. Nothing
14 is being pushed to the property lines.

15 So at this point, that is a basic rundown of
16 this project and I will open the floor.

17 **THE CHAIR:** Thank you, Mr. Galton.

18 So the Council announces that the evidentiary
19 record in this matter will remain open for the
20 Petitioner's submission of the late-filed exhibits
21 requested by the Council during the hearing
22 session this afternoon. A copy of the late-filed
23 exhibits will be available on the Council's
24 website.

25 Please note that anyone who is not a party or

1 an intervener, but who desires to make his or her
2 views known to the Council may file written
3 comments with the Council until the public comment
4 period closes.

5 Copies of the transcript of this hearing will
6 be deposited in East Haven Town Clerk's office.

7 Thank you all for your time and attention
8 tonight, and I declare this hearing adjourned.

9 Thank you for your participation.

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11 (End: 6:41 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 10 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the teleconference PUBLIC HEARING of THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL in Re: PETITION NO. 1655, BORRELLI 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 1.99-MEGAWATT AC SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT TO BE LOCATED AT 179 AND 197 BORRELLI ROAD, EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION, which was held before ELIN S. KATZ, ESQ., THE CHAIR, on April 10, 2025.



Robert G. Dixon, CVR-M 857
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 6/30/2025