

## **Exhibit E**

### **Site Decommissioning Plan: 15 MW/ 60 MWh West Haven Energy Center, West Haven, Connecticut**

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## SECTION 1 Introduction

The decommissioning plan of the West Haven Energy Center Project includes the removal of all components associated with the Project and the restoration of the Project site to as close its original condition as possible. This plan is to provide details on that process, with supporting time frames or milestones, after operations have ceased. Decommissioning and restoration activities will adhere to the applicable requirements of the CSC and any effective decommissioning agreements.

## SECTION 2 Project Description

The Project will be located at 337 Elm Street, a  $\pm 0.68$ -acre parcel positioned north of Elm Street (the “Property”), a rear lot with a 30-foot-wide access Right-of-Way (“ROW”) through the eastern boundary of the abutting 345 Elm Street parcel.

The Project will be comprised of containerized lithium-ion battery modules alongside the switchgears, inverters and transformers required to enable a 13.8kV electrical interconnection to the local electricity distribution network (grid). The BESS containers will be installed upon a foundation (type TBD) and a sound barrier wall will be installed around all sides of the BESS, excluding the northern boundary. An underground conduit will connect the BESS to the grid.

The commercial life of the facility is expected to be 25 years. At the end of commercial life, East Point Energy will cease operations and decommission the facility including necessary demolition and site reclamation. To the greatest degree possible, decommissioning will attempt to maximize the recycling of all BESS components.

## SECTION 3 Site Condition Pre-Storage System

The Project will be located at 337 Elm Street, a  $\pm 0.68$ -acre parcel positioned north of Elm Street (the “Property”), a rear lot with a 30-foot-wide access Right-of-Way (“ROW”) through the eastern boundary of the abutting 345 Elm Street parcel. The L-shaped Property is developed with a single story  $\pm 3,016$  square foot (“SF”) metal building to the northeast and a  $\pm 4,421$  SF single story concrete block building along the eastern boundary.

The Property is privately owned and is in zone NB, Neighborhood Business District. The UI Elm Street Substation (“Substation”), 15-foot-wide electrical distribution easement, and paved access road are located adjacent to the Property’s eastern boundary. UI overhead transmission lines associated with the Substation traverse the northeastern Property boundary. The Metro-North Railroad tracks are separated from the Property by a narrow-vegetated buffer. A ‘Xpress Fuel’ fueling station occupies the southern abutting parcel where the previously mentioned 30-foot ROW provides access to the Property from Elm Street. Residential development is located to the west and in the general vicinity.

The Project will utilize the entire Property. As such, the previously mentioned buildings on the Property will be demolished prior to construction of the facility. Once complete a sound barrier wall will encompass most of the Project perimeter except for the northern boundary abutting the Metro-North Railroad corridor. Gravel surfaces will extend throughout the Property with areas of concrete pads to support battery storage units and equipment cabinets. The electrical interconnection will extend underground along the northeastern side of the facility and connect directly into the abutting Substation. The Project in its entirety will occupy  $\pm 0.68$  acres (the “Site” or “Project Area”).

The Property's existing topography is generally flat except for two fill piles along the western boundary. Elevation ranges from 18 feet above mean sea level ("AMSL") to 22 feet AMSL

## SECTION 4 Decommissioning and Restoration Plan

The decommissioning process will occur in phases, tailored to specific needs: removing specialized equipment, hazardous and regulated materials, disconnecting utilities, taking out general equipment, demolishing structures, and removing concrete slabs, foundations, underground piping, and utilities as necessary, followed by site restoration. For specialized installations, electrical equipment will be de-energized, and any associated hazardous materials will be safely removed. Modular equipment will be taken out in its original modular form, and efforts will be made to recycle or sell this material as scrap whenever possible. Excavation will be required for the removal of foundations, piping, and utilities. Initially, aboveground piping will be removed, followed by the excavation and disposal of foundations (including concrete and steel), and then the excavation and removal of underground piping to a depth of two feet. Finally, the excavated areas will be backfilled. To restore the site to its original surface condition, disturbed areas will either be covered with gravel or seeded.

The overall sequence of decommissioning activities is outlined below:

- Disconnecting power and other utilities.
- Removal of hazardous and regulated materials such as fuels, lubricating oils, and process chemicals.
- Dismantling and removal of equipment suitable for sale or reuse.
- Structural demolition to grade elevation.
- Sizing and beneficial use of salvage or scrap materials.
- Remediation of impacted soils and /or groundwater, if any; and,
- Backfill and restoration.
- The access road will be left in place to allow the landowner continued access to this area of the property.

During decommissioning, aboveground components, including structures and equipment, will be removed. Foundations will be removed to a depth of at least two feet below ground level, after which they will be backfilled and seeded to match existing conditions. Conduit installed at depths greater than two feet will be left in place.

The primary goal of the decommissioning process is to safely and efficiently dismantle the storage facility and restore the site to conditions similar to those before construction.

The entire decommissioning process is expected to take approximately four months. This timeframe includes one month for pre-demolition preparation, removal of hazardous and regulated materials, and disconnection of utilities; two months for equipment removal and structural demolition; and two weeks for site restoration.

## SECTION 5 Criteria for Site Restoration

If a decision is made to decommission the Project, whether during construction or after commercial operations, the site will be restored to a stabilized, vacant condition. Restoration efforts will be conducted in accordance with applicable local zoning and land use regulations. The restoration plan will require the owner to

dismantle and remove project-related equipment, demolish associated structures down to grade, and return the area to a vacant, vegetated state. Excavated areas will be backfilled as needed.

The following list includes the site restoration performance criteria proposed for Project decommissioning. In the unlikely event that construction on the Project begins but cannot be completed, the same performance criteria would apply:

- The facility dismantlement or removal would need to proceed in a safe and environmentally sound manner. It is anticipated that a Health and Safety Plan, Hazardous and Regulated Materials Plan and Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) would be performed in accordance with the current Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and ASTM International Standards. Health and Safety Plans define law, regulations, and best practices for working safely. Hazardous and regulated materials surveys are used to identify areas where such materials were used and stored at a site. Phase I ESAs are used in these instances to identify environmental issues in soil, groundwater, or building materials that may need to be investigated further prior to decommissioning and demolition.
- To the extent economically feasible, material and equipment will be reused, salvaged, or recycled.
- Interconnection facilities will be removed to the interface with Connecticut Light and Power/Eversource-owned infrastructure.
- Hazardous and flammable material will be removed and their associated systems decontaminated prior to the commencement of demolition.
- Superstructures, foundations, and underground utilities will be removed to a depth of two feet. Facility items at depths greater than three feet will be assessed to the extent necessary or abandoned in place.
- To the extent required by applicable law, any environmental contamination resulting from the Project will be remediated to applicable standards.
- The site will be regraded and stabilized using conservation seed mix.

Decommissioning activities would occur in accordance with local, state and federal regulations in place at that time. The closure of permits and license associated with the facility's operation will be coordinated with the applicable state and federal agencies.