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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Petition No. 1694

Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC, Petition for a
Declaratory Ruling for the Construction, Maintenance
and Operation of a 4.0-megawatt AC Solar
Photovoltaic Electric-Generating Facility and
Associated Equipment Accessed from Old Maids Lane In
Glastonbury and Located on a Parcel South of the
Glastonbury Town Boundary in Portland, Connecticut,
and Associated Electrical Interconnection.

Continued Zoom Remote Council Meeting
(Teleconference), on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, beginning
at 2 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :

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(Begin: 2:00 p.m.)

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3 THE VICE CHAIR: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

4 This continued evidentiary hearing session is
5 called to order this Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at
6 2 p.m. My name is John Morissette, Vice Chair of
7 the Connecticut Siting Council.

8 If you haven't done so already, I ask that
9 everyone please mute their computer audio and/or
10 telephones now. Thank you.

11 A copy of the prepared agenda is available on
12 the Council's website, along with a record of this
13 matter, the public hearing notice, instructions
14 for public access to this public hearing, and the
15 Council's citizen's guide to the Siting Council's
16 procedures.

17 Other members of the Council are Chance
18 Carter; Khristine Hall; Dr. Scott Williams; Bill
19 Syme; Brian Golembiewski, designee for
20 Commissioner Katie Dykes of the Department of
21 Energy and Environmental Protection; Quat Nguyen,
22 designee for Chairman Thomas Wiehl of the Public
23 Utilities Regulatory Authority.

24 Members of the staff, Executive Director
25 Melanie Bachman, Siting Analyst Michael Perrone,

1 and Administrative Support Dakota LaFountain.

2 This evidentiary session is a continuation of
3 the public hearing held on March 12, 2026. It is
4 held pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 of the
5 Connecticut General Statutes and of the Uniform
6 Administrative Procedure Act upon a petition from
7 Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC, for a declaratory
8 ruling for the construction, maintenance, and
9 operation of a 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic
10 electric-generating facility and associated
11 equipment accessed from Old Maids Lane in
12 Glastonbury, Connecticut, and located on a parcel
13 south of Glastonbury town boundary in Portland,
14 Connecticut, and associated electrical
15 interconnection.

16 A verbatim transcript will be made of this
17 hearing and deposited in the Portland and
18 Glastonbury Town Clerk's office for the
19 convenience of the public. We will take a 10- to
20 15-minute break at a convenient juncture around
21 3:30 p.m.

22 We'll now move on with the appearance of the
23 party of the Town of Glastonbury. In accordance
24 with the Council's March 13, 2026, continued
25 evidentiary hearing memorandum, we will continue

1 with the appearance of the Town of Glastonbury to
2 swear in their witness, Jonathan Luiz, and verify
3 exhibits marked as Roman numeral three, items B,
4 one through three on the hearing program.

5 First, please present your new witnesses for
6 purposes of taking the oath and Attorney Bachman
7 will administer the oath.

8 Attorney Curto, good afternoon.

9 ATTORNEY CURTO: Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair. Good
10 to see you again.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Nice to see you. Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY CURTO: Appearing for the Town of Glastonbury
13 is Town Manager, Mr. Jonathan Luiz.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Curto.

15 Attorney Bachman, please administer the oath.

16 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

17 Mr. Luiz, could you please raise your right
18 hand?

19 J O N A T H A N L U I Z,

20 called as a witness, being sworn by THE
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, was examined and
22 testified under oath as follows:

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24 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Attorney Curto, please begin by

1 identifying the exhibits you have filed in this
2 matter and verifying the exhibits by the
3 appropriate sworn witness.

4 ATTORNEY CURTO: Yes. The exhibits are the three
5 Exhibits, 1, 2, 3, listed in section 3B of the
6 Siting Council's original hearing memorandum.
7 Mr. Luiz will speak with respect to all three.

8 Mr. Luiz, are you familiar with these three
9 exhibits listed in Roman numeral 3B of the hearing
10 program?

11 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Yes.

12 ATTORNEY CURTO: And did you prepare them or assist in
13 their preparation, or supervise the preparation of
14 these three exhibits?

15 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Yes, I did.

16 ATTORNEY CURTO: And is the information in these three
17 exhibits accurate to the best of your knowledge
18 and belief?

19 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Yes.

20 ATTORNEY CURTO: And do you adopt them as your sworn
21 testimony here today?

22 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Yes, I do.

23 ATTORNEY CURTO: Okay. With that, Mr. Vice Chair, I
24 would ask that Exhibits 3B, 1 through 3, be
25 adopted as full evidentiary exhibits in this

1 hearing.

2 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Curto.

3 Does any party or intervener object to the
4 admission of the Town's exhibits?

5 Attorney Hoffman, good afternoon.

6 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair.

7 Greenskies has no objection.

8 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good, thank you.

9 Charles Walsh, good afternoon. Any
10 objection? Mr. Walsh, any objection?

11 CHARLES WALSH: (Inaudible.)

12 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: He appears to be muted, Mr. Vice
13 Chair.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Yes, he does. Thank you.

15 Okay. Very good. We'll move on. The
16 exhibits are hereby admitted.

17 We'll continue with cross-examination of the
18 Town of Glastonbury by the Council, starting with
19 Mr. Perrone, followed by Ms. Hall.

20 Mr. Perrone, good afternoon.

21 MR. PERRONE: Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair.

22 Do you know the weight of a fully-loaded fire
23 tanker truck?

24 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Not off the top of my head, no.

25 MR. PERRONE: Okay. Are there any town-designated

1 scenic roads proximate to the proposed facility?

2 THE WITNESS (Luiz): I -- I do not know for certainty.

3 MR. PERRONE: Referencing the town pre-filed testimony
4 dated December 10th, in the visual impact section,
5 specifically in what areas would the Town
6 recommend vegetative screening?

7 THE WITNESS (Luiz): You know, I would recommend
8 vegetative screening in any location where we
9 think it would be -- it would be a cautionary
10 measure to prevent students, particularly students
11 that are inside the building, or teachers from
12 seeing any form of glare associated with the solar
13 panels.

14 MR. PERRONE: If the facility is approved, does the
15 Town have any preferences regarding the fence
16 design, whether it's chain link or agricultural
17 style or another style.

18 THE WITNESS (Luiz): I think agricultural style would
19 be the preference, given the -- given the
20 agriculture in that area that exists on that road.

21 MR. PERRONE: Is the Town amenable to Sunday work, if
22 necessary, such as to avoid pile driving during
23 school hours?

24 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Yes, just depending on the hours
25 of -- of the day.

1 MR. PERRONE: Referencing GCE's response to council
2 interrogatories 14 and 16, it's related to site
3 lease provisions for decommissioning and
4 restoration at the end of the facility's useful
5 life. Do the site lease provisions, including but
6 not limited to remedies for breach of contract,
7 decommissioning, and site restoration, satisfy the
8 Town's concern related to a bond?

9 ATTORNEY CURTO: Mr. Perrone, I obviously want to give
10 the Council some latitude here, but, you know, it
11 strikes me that a good portion of your question is
12 requesting a legal conclusion as to the adequacy
13 of the protections of those particular provisions,
14 and I'm not sure Mr. Luiz is comfortable
15 addressing those.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Mr. Perrone -- well, actually,
17 Mr. Luiz, are you comfortable answering those
18 questions?

19 THE WITNESS (Luiz): No, I'm not. You know, to answer
20 the question, you know, directly, I'm not. I've
21 taken, you know, the legal counsel's advice on --
22 on what we're seeking and, you know, in terms of
23 helping to ensure in the long run that, you
24 know -- well, I answer this question, no. I'll
25 keep it at that, so.

1 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good.

2 Mr. Perrone, is there -- well, clearly the
3 Witness is not going to answer the question based
4 on his attorney's objection. So, if you could
5 move on with another question?

6 Or let me ask Attorney Bachman her thoughts
7 on the matter. Attorney Bachman?

8 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

9 My apologies to Mr. Perrone, because that's
10 my question. And the next question listed might
11 be a little less legal conclusion. We were just
12 looking for an opinion as to what the Town was
13 seeking in terms of, you know, financial surety.

14 But I think the next question is probably
15 fair game, but if Attorney Curto disagrees,
16 certainly he can object to that.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good.

18 Mr. Perrone, maybe you could continue with
19 the next question? Thank you.

20 MR. PERRONE: Thank you.

21 Referencing the site lease attached to GCE's
22 response to counsel interrogatories, Exhibit C,
23 paragraph 39 relates to the right to record a
24 memorandum of lease on the Portland land records.

25 Would the Town recommend also recording the

1 memorandum of lease on the Glastonbury land
2 records?

3 ATTORNEY CURTO: Again, I'm going to object. It calls
4 for a legal conclusion.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: Attorney Bachman, do you agree or
6 disagree?

7 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Certainly, Attorney Curto has the
8 right to object, Vice Chair Morissette.

9 So, we can just move on. Thank you.

10 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Let's move on.

11 Mr. Perrone?

12 MR. PERRONE: That's all I have for the Town.

13 Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Perrone.

15 We'll now continue with cross-examination by
16 Ms. Hall, followed by Mr. Carter.

17 Ms. Hall, good afternoon.

18 MS. HALL: Good afternoon. I have no questions.

19 Thank you.

20 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Hall.

21 We'll now continue cross-examination by
22 Mr. Carter, followed by Dr. Williams.

23 Mr. Carter, good afternoon.

24 MR. CARTER: Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair. I'm sure
25 we're all still mourning UConn.

1 I don't have any questions. Thank you.

2 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Carter.

3 We'll now continue cross-examination by
4 Dr. Williams, followed by Mr. Golembiewski.

5 Dr. Williams?

6 DR. WILLIAMS: No questions at this time.

7 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Williams.

8 We'll now continue cross-examination by
9 Mr. Golembiewski, followed by Mr. Nguyen.

10 Mr. Golembiewski, good afternoon.

11 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon.

12 I have no questions. Thank you.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

14 We'll now continue cross-examination by
15 Mr. Nguyen, followed by Mr. Syme. Mr. Nguyen?

16 MR. NGUYEN: Good afternoon. No questions. Thank you.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Nguyen.

18 We'll now continue cross-examination by
19 Mr. Syme. Mr. Syme, did you log in today?

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21 (No response.)

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23 THE VICE CHAIR: I don't see him either.

24 I have no questions at this time. We'll
25 continue cross-examination by the Petitioner.

1 Attorney Hoffman?

2 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

3 I only have two questions for the Town. The
4 first, in the response to interrogatory number
5 six, you indicated that the school year at NES
6 would conclude on June 16th, pending snow days.

7 Hopefully, the snow is over. Is that still
8 going to be the conclusion for NES?

9 THE WITNESS (Luiz): I do not know. I have to check.
10 I would have to check the latest schedule.

11 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. But at most, it would only be
12 a day or two. Right? We didn't have that much.

13 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Yeah. I would assume so, yeah.

14 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

15 And then the other thing is, I'd like to
16 direct you to page 2, the bottom of page 2 of your
17 December 10, 2025, submittal. I think it's just a
18 scrivener's error, but I just wanted to make sure.

19 The last paragraph starts off, for these
20 reasons the Town requested the construction
21 activities be limited to the period from mid-June
22 2025 to August 31, 2025. I assume that the Town
23 actually wants that to be 2026 and not 2025?

24 THE WITNESS (Luiz): Yes.

25 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

1 Nothing further.

2 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Hoffman.

3 We'll now continue the cross-examination of
4 the Town of Glastonbury by Charles Walsh.

5 Mr. Walsh, good afternoon.

6 CHARLES WALSH: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette. I
7 apologize. I was having technical difficulties
8 earlier when you asked for me to chime in on
9 whether I had any objections. I do not have any
10 objections.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

12 CHARLES WALSH: I have no questions for the Town of
13 Glastonbury.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

15 Okay. We'll now move on to the appearance by
16 Charles Walsh. Will Charles Walsh present its
17 witness panel for purposes of taking the oath, and
18 Attorney Bachman will administer the oath?

19 Mr. Walsh, are you the only one on your
20 witness panel?

21 CHARLES WALSH: Yes, sir.

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good.

23 Attorney Bachman, please administer the oath.

24 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

25 Mr. Walsh, could you please raise your right

1 hand?

2 C H A R L E S W A L S H,

3 called as a witness, being sworn by THE

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, was examined and

5 testified under oath as follows:

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7 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you.

8 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Bachman.

9 Charles Walsh, you have offered the exhibits

10 listed under the hearing program as Roman numeral

11 4B, 1 through 3 for identification purposes. Is

12 there any objection to marking these exhibits for

13 identification purposes only at this time?

14 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: No objections from the Petitioner,

15 Mr. Morissette.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

17 Attorney Curto?

18 ATTORNEY CURTO: No objection from the Town of

19 Glastonbury, Mr. Morissette.

20 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

21 Charles Walsh, did you prepare or assist in

22 the preparation of Exhibits 4B, 1 through 3?

23 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Yes, sir. I did.

24 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

25 Do you have any additions, clarifications,

1 deletions, or modifications to those documents?

2 THE WITNESS (Walsh): No, sir.

3 THE VICE CHAIR: Are these exhibits true and accurate
4 to the best of your knowledge?

5 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Yes, sir.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: And do you offer these exhibits as
7 your testimony here today?

8 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Yes, sir.

9 THE VICE CHAIR: Does any party or intervener object to
10 the admission of Charles Walsh's exhibits?

11 Attorney Hoffman?

12 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: No objection from Greenskies.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good.

14 Attorney Curto?

15 ATTORNEY CURTO: No objection from the Town of
16 Glastonbury.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you. The exhibits
18 are admitted.

19 We will now begin with cross-examination of
20 Charles Walsh by the Council, starting with
21 Mr. Perrone. Mr. Perrone?

22 MR. PERRONE: Thank you.

23 Referencing the motion for party intervener
24 status and comments, page 2, item number six, it
25 notes that driving piles or ground screws into

1 bedrock is inherently loud. In the reference to
2 the Federal Highway Administration Construction
3 Noise Handbook it has noise projections for impact
4 pile driver.

5 My question is, how would ground screw
6 installations compare to driven piles in terms of
7 noise?

8 THE WITNESS (Walsh): It's my understanding from my
9 research -- I am not an engineer. I do not have
10 expertise in this matter, but my understanding
11 from research is that ground screws would not
12 present the same level of noise as pile driving
13 does.

14 MR. PERRONE: Moving on to item number 13, would you be
15 amenable to Sunday work, if necessary, to avoid
16 pile driving during school hours?

17 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I would like to see a respite
18 period at some point during the week when the
19 neighborhood would be free from the noise
20 associated with pile driving and other
21 construction equipment.

22 So, if absolutely necessary to avoid impacts
23 on the school, I would agree to it, but with
24 regard to impact to the surrounding residents on
25 Old Maids Lane, Glastonbury Hunt drive, and Old

1 Country Way, as well as some of the other
2 surrounding areas, I believe that one day of
3 respite from that noise would be something that
4 the Council should require.

5 MR. PERRONE: Moving on to item number 55, it
6 references evergreen tree plantings along the
7 northern boundary of the site. Looking at the
8 site plan C-103, and given the location of the
9 solar panels and access drive, where exactly would
10 you recommend locating additional trees?

11 THE WITNESS (Walsh): This goes to my questions to the
12 Petitioner about what is the viability of the site
13 if the number of panels were reduced on the site
14 to make availability for plantings along the
15 northern boundary or moving the gravel driveway
16 further to the south such that you could, in fact,
17 put plantings into that area.

18 I believe that the project would still be
19 viable, although I did not get a clear answer from
20 Mr. LaMarche as to what -- at what level the
21 project would no longer be viable.

22 MR. PERRONE: Moving on to the decommissioning plan
23 section, which is approximately number 106, 107 --
24 so, the decommissioning plan, it uses a 2.5
25 percent annual inflation rate, and your comment

1 notes that there's no documentation to support
2 that assumption.

3 Do you have a recommended inflation rate to
4 use or a recommended source for such data?

5 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I would -- I would look
6 historically at the Consumer Price Index. I
7 believe there's other indexes that may even be
8 better suited for that. I'm not an economic
9 expert, but I do believe that 2.5 percent in light
10 of certain increases recently, I believe as in --
11 I believe it was the end of 2024, '25, there was
12 eight-point -- about an 8.5 percent Consumer Price
13 Index increase.

14 So, I would look to see whether there is
15 something that would provide a better index for
16 projecting the cost of decommissioning at 20, 30
17 years in the future.

18 MR. PERRONE: Thank you. That's all I have.

19 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Perrone.

20 We'll now continue with cross-examination by
21 Ms. Hall, followed by Mr. Carter. Ms. Hall?

22 MS. HALL: I have no questions. Thank you.

23 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Hall.

24 We'll now continue cross-examination by
25 Mr. Carter, followed by Dr. Williams. Mr. Carter?

1 MR. CARTER: Thank you. I have no questions.

2 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

3 We'll now continue to cross-examination by
4 Dr. Williams, followed by Mr. Golembiewski.

5 DR. WILLIAMS: I have no questions at this time.

6 Thank you.

7 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

8 We'll now continue with cross-examination by
9 Mr. Golembiewski, followed by Mr. Nguyen.

10 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Thank you. I have no questions.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

12 We'll now continue to cross-examination by
13 Mr. Nguyen, followed by myself. Mr. Nguyen?

14 MR. NGUYEN: I have no questions. Thank you.

15 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

16 Mr. Walsh, you heard the applicant provide
17 answers to several of your questions. What is the
18 one item that still stands out for you as being
19 open?

20 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Well, I -- I believe there are
21 several, but if I had to pick one that is the most
22 troubling, it is the lack of information
23 concerning the decommissioning plan and the
24 specifics and inconsistencies within that plan.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. Could you tell me what the

1 others are as well?

2 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Yes, sir. I believe that some
3 sort of vegetative buffering along that northern
4 boundary would be appropriate to mitigate against
5 visual impacts as well as possibly reducing any
6 noise impacts coming from the site. And -- well,
7 I guess those are related, the noise and the
8 visual.

9 And the other -- and then finally, the -- the
10 hazardous materials on site. I -- I heard from, I
11 believe it was Mr. Denardo, indicating that the
12 results of the soil analytics did not exceed the
13 Department of Environmental -- or Energy and
14 Environmental Protection direct exposure criteria.
15 I believe that is incorrect.

16 I believe a review of -- of the regulations
17 of Connecticut State Agencies 22a-133k, subsection
18 C, would show that there are, in fact, exceedances
19 of the -- of the DEEP direct exposure criteria.
20 And I would be concerned about the removal of
21 significant amounts of material, where that
22 material is contaminated, how it's handled, and
23 how it will be secured so that it is not going to
24 impact surrounding well water in the area.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Walsh.

1 Are you were referring to the hazardous
2 material relating to pesticides?

3 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Yes, sir. I believe it was an
4 answer to my -- I believe it was -- I asked about
5 any testing done on site in my interrogatory. I
6 think it was 59, and they provided a document in
7 response to that.

8 Interestingly enough, they said that document
9 was part of a phase-one environmental report. I
10 did not see a phase-one environmental report
11 submitted to the Council that would have detailed,
12 you know, what the results of those findings were
13 or what the -- what the scope of that study was.
14 I don't know whether there was a phase two done or
15 not.

16 But having said that, I -- I do have concerns
17 about what was done vis-a-vis the environmental
18 testing on the site.

19 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Walsh.

20 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Thank you.

21 THE VICE CHAIR: That concludes my cross-examination.

22 We'll continue with cross-examination of Charles
23 Walsh by the Petitioner, Attorney Hoffman.

24 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Good afternoon.

25 Mr. Walsh, did you go to college?

1 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I did, sir.

2 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: What was your degree in? What did
3 you major in?

4 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I majored in geology. I worked
5 seven and a half years after that doing oil and
6 gas exploration, doing well-site geology and
7 engineering.

8 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Did you attend grad school?

9 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I did, sir.

10 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: And what was your graduate degree
11 in?

12 THE WITNESS (Walsh): In -- in law.

13 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. You said earlier you
14 testified that you're not an engineer. Are you a
15 licensed environmental professional in the State
16 of Connecticut?

17 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I am not, but I've been involved
18 in a lot of environmental permitting hearings
19 before the Department of Energy and Environmental
20 Protection, representing the Connecticut
21 Department of Transportation, as well as appearing
22 before the Connecticut Siting Council on a number
23 of issues where a lot of engineering issues were
24 raised, including environmental issues that
25 required the testimony from a LEP, or a licensed

1 environmental professional.

2 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: But you're not an environmental
3 professional. Correct?

4 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I am not, sir. Correct.

5 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: And you are not an engineer.
6 Correct?

7 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Correct.

8 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Did you do a noise study for this
9 project?

10 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I did not.

11 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: You relied a great deal on the
12 Federal Highway Administration Highway
13 Construction Noise Handbook. Do you have a copy
14 of the entire handbook with you?

15 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I have it. It's available
16 online. I believe I provided a link to it, sir.

17 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: You absolutely did, but you only
18 provided excerpts in your testimony.

19 That handbook is almost, but not quite, 20
20 years old. Correct?

21 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I believe so.

22 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. If you could look at the
23 inside cover where it says, notice?

24 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I will have to pull it up online,
25 sir. If you could bear with me?

1 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Absolutely.

2 THE WITNESS (Walsh): That may take some time.

3 If you have a copy, you can bring it up on
4 screen. That will be available, too.

5 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Sadly, neither Attorney Bachman nor
6 Vice Chair Morissette will let me bring up
7 anything on screen.

8 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Okay.

9

10 (Pause.)

11

12 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I apologize, I'm having a hard
13 time bringing it up. Let me try another source.

14

15 (Pause.)

16

17 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I believe I did download a copy
18 of it, so if you bear with me, if I could find it
19 on my computer, I'd be happy to review it.

20 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Absolutely.

21 THE WITNESS (Walsh): While I'm looking for that, would
22 you like to read something to me and I could tell
23 you whether or not I agree or disagree?

24 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Sure. The page I'm looking at says,
25 notice, this document is disseminated under the

1 sponsorship of the Department of Transportation in
2 the interest of information exchange. The United
3 States government assumes no liability for its
4 contents or use thereof. This report does not
5 constitute a standard, specification, or
6 regulation.

7 Do you agree that that's in the FHWA Highway
8 Construction Noise Handbook?

9 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I would agree that it's not a
10 regulation. If it were a regulation, it would be
11 in the Code of Federal Regulations. So, I agree
12 with that.

13 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Very good. All right. We can move
14 on then.

15 How large are the piles that are used to
16 build a highway or a highway bridge?

17 THE WITNESS (Walsh): They're significantly larger from
18 what I understand will be used on this project by
19 Greenskies.

20 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. And how large are the pile
21 drivers that are used to build the highways versus
22 this project?

23 THE WITNESS (Walsh): After hearing Mr. LaMarche's -- I
24 believe it was his testimony concerning the
25 equipment that was going to be used on this

1 project, I believe it was a Vermeer. I looked it
2 up. I believe it, from what I could see, it looks
3 like the PD10 is the preferred piece of equipment.
4 It looks like it is significantly smaller than the
5 pile drivers used on a highway project.

6 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. Great.

7 And then taking you back through your
8 colloquy with Mr. Perrone and Mr. Morissette, you
9 talked about the Consumer Price Index.

10 Do you recall that?

11 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I do.

12 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. What does the Consumer Price
13 Index measure?

14 THE WITNESS (Walsh): It's my understanding that it
15 measures the prices of goods that are commonly
16 available in the United States.

17 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Would you say that it's a broad
18 variety of goods, or is it specific to one or two
19 industries?

20 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I would say it's broad.

21 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. So, how does that relate to
22 the cost of decommissioning an energy project?

23 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I think costs are related
24 regardless of what the specific project is.
25 Granted, some things may have a greater impact on

1 costs in general, but I believe that when you see
2 costs of one thing go up, it's going to increase
3 the cost of wages, cost of equipment, cost of
4 labor.

5 So, I believe that it would be relevant
6 unless, as I said, there's -- there's a better
7 index to use. I'd be -- I'd be amenable to
8 reviewing that as well. What -- I mean, I don't
9 know what index Greenskies used and they don't --
10 I don't believe that they identified what index
11 they used with regard to their decommissioning
12 plan.

13 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Okay. Thank you.

14 I have nothing further.

15 THE VICE CHAIR: We'll now continue the
16 cross-examination of Charles Walsh by the Town of
17 Glastonbury. Attorney Curto?

18 ATTORNEY CURTO: Yes, Mr. Vice Chair. I just have a
19 couple of questions for Attorney Walsh.

20 Mr. Walsh, in prior cross, you explained your
21 education and a bit of your background. You said
22 you did -- you worked seven years for -- was it
23 various interests in the field of geology?

24 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I worked for oil and gas
25 exploration companies. I did well-site geology

1 and engineering, yes.

2 ATTORNEY CURTO: And where was the balance of your
3 professional career performed?

4 THE WITNESS (Walsh): In -- in that field? Or
5 included -- or are you referring to my -- my law
6 practice?

7 ATTORNEY CURTO: Outside of your law practice, your
8 other.

9 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Outside of my law practice, I
10 spent seven and a half years in the oil and gas
11 industry, primarily in Alaska, Wyoming, and Utah.

12 ATTORNEY CURTO: Okay. And in your law practice, you
13 represented various state agencies?

14 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Yes, sir.

15 ATTORNEY CURTO: And what were those agencies?

16 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Primarily in Connecticut, the
17 Department of Transportation. I've also
18 represented the Connecticut Department of Energy
19 and Environmental Protection on property matters
20 and information technology matters, the Department
21 of Administrative Services, formerly DPW, and
22 Department of Motor Vehicles.

23 ATTORNEY CURTO: And specifically with regard to the
24 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,
25 what sort of matters would you say were the bulk

1 of your practice?

2 THE WITNESS (Walsh): I appeared before DEP in a
3 permitting context, primarily for inland wetlands
4 permits on behalf of the Connecticut Department of
5 Transportation on a number of projects, ranging
6 from the -- the New Britain-Hartford Busway, the
7 Route 7 extension project from Brook -- Brookfield
8 to New Milford, the Moses Wheeler Bridge, a number
9 of other ones, the Avon Mountain.

10 Those are the ones that come to mind.

11 ATTORNEY CURTO: Okay. Thank you. That's all I have.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: That concludes our hearing for this
13 afternoon.

14 Before closing the evidentiary record in this
15 matter, the Connecticut Siting Council announces
16 that briefs and proposed findings of fact may be
17 filed with the Council by any party or intervener
18 no later than May 7, 2026.

19 Submissions of briefs and/or proposed
20 findings of fact are not required by this Council.
21 Rather, we leave it to the choice of the parties
22 or intervenors. Anyone who has not become a party
23 or an intervener, but who desires to make his or
24 her views known to the Council, may file written
25 statements with the Council within 30 days of the

1 date hereof.

2 The Council will issue draft findings of fact
3 and thereafter parties and interveners may
4 identify errors or inconsistencies between the
5 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
6 However, no new information, no new evidence, no
7 arguments and no reply briefs without our
8 permission will be considered by the Council.

9 I hereby declare this hearing adjourned and
10 thank you, everyone, for your participation, and
11 have a good evening.

12 ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

13 MR. CARTER: Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY CURTO: Thanks, Mr. Morissette.

15 THE WITNESS (Walsh): Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

16 Thank you, Council.

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18 (End: 2:35 p.m.)

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