

OFFICE OF THE
TOWN MANAGER



Marc S. Nelson, MPA

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April 16, 2026

Ms. Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1698 - LSE Lynx LLC (Lodestar Energy)

Dear Director Bachman,

Please see attached for the pre-filed testimony of Town of Simsbury Town Manager Marc S. Nelson regarding the subject matter. As required, the original notarized document, and fifteen (15) copies are being hand delivered to the Council today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Franklyn Barrueco", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Franklyn Barrueco
Management Specialist
Town Manager's Office

cc: Connecticut Siting Council

enc: Town of Simsbury Town Manager Testimony re: Petition No. 1698 - LSE Lynx LLC
(Lodestar Energy)

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

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LSE LYNX, LLC (LODESTAR ENERGY)) PETITION NO. 1698
PETITION FOR A DECLARATORY)
RULING, PURSUANT TO GENERAL)
STATUTES §4-176 AND §16-50K, FOR)
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE)
AND OPERATION OF A 4.65) April 16, 2026
MEGAWATT AC SOLAR)
PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC)
GENERATING FACILITY AND)
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT LOCATED)
AT 140 NOD ROAD, SIMSBURY,)
CONNECTICUT, AND ASSOCIATED)
ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION)
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PREFILED TESTIMONY OF MARC NELSON

I, Marc Nelson, the Town Manager for the Town of Simsbury (“Town”) have reviewed the Petition for Declaratory Ruling, and related documentation, submitted by LSE Lynx, LLC to the Connecticut Siting Council. I hereby offer the following as my pre-filed testimony concerning the above-captioned matter:

The Town recognizes the potential energy and utility benefits the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility can bring and we appreciate the Council previously extending the time for public comment. During and before the pendency of this matter the Town has had a number of communications with the applicant in order to address areas of concern. The applicant also appeared before the Town’s Conservation Commission - Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency on April 7th at which a presentation was made and discussion ensued.

These discussions have, we believe, resulted in a number of informal agreements made by the applicant to modify their submission. These modifications would, in our view, improve the proposal.

Specifically, we now believe the applicant has or will take the following action(s):

- Environmental review revisions; the design has been revised such that all solar panels are outside of the wetlands and outside of the 100-foot upland review area; and
- Flood standards compliance; the applicant removed electrical pads, and 850 panels (1.25 acres) from the floodplain, and redesigned the project to provide the requested compensatory storage; and
- Revisions to landscaping plan; the applicant has agreed to revise their fence design to meet the request of the Town for wildlife access and screening, and revise the Landscape Plan in order to enhance the plantings along Nod Road.

My written testimony, together with the Town's Petition for Party Status, is submitted in order to protect the Town's interest in assuring that these agreements become part of any final approval by the Siting Council since, without them being made conditions of approval, the Town would lack any other mechanism by which the applicant could be compelled to incorporate them.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that these agreements be made Conditions of Approval, if such approval is granted, and that they be included in the Design and Maintenance Plan together with such other conditions as the Siting Council may determine necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16 day of April, 2026.



Marc Nelson

Subscribed and sworn before me this 16 day of April, 2026.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

