

April 16, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1443** - SR North Stonington, 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 9.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on five parcels located north and south of Providence New London Turnpike (State Route 184), west of Boombridge Road and north of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

I. Introduction

The petition is from SR North Stonington, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 9.9-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located north and south of Providence New London Turnpike (State Route 184), west of Boombridge Road and north of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, Connecticut.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council's guide for *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling for a Renewable Energy Facility* dated August 2018, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, and the environmental effects of the proposed construction. The petition meets statutory and regulatory technical requirements for processing the petition. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-39 have been fulfilled.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-176(e), within 60 days after receipt of a petition for a declaratory ruling, an agency in writing shall: (1) issue a declaratory ruling; (2) hold a public hearing on the matter; (3) decide to issue a declaratory ruling by a specified date; (4) decide to initiate regulation making proceedings; or (5) decide not to issue a declaratory ruling.

In response to a request for a public hearing on this petition, the Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on April 8, 2021. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on June 8, 2021 and depositing the transcript in the North Stonington Town Hall.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule

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SCHEDULE

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Petition received	02/25/21
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set One Issued • Set One Responses due 	TBD TBD
Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing	04/08/21
Pre-hearing teleconference (11:00 a.m.)	05/05/21
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	05/25/21
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	06/01/21
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	06/01/21
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1443 project webpage for Zoom conferencing log in/call in)</i>	06/08/21
Continued Public Hearing Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	06/08/21
Close of Public Comment Record	07/08/21
Draft Findings of Fact	07/15/21
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	07/29/21
Deadline for Decision	08/24/21
90-day extension of Deadline for Decision per Executive Orders, as extended	11/22/21

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