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June 14, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: DOCKET NO. 522 – Stafford Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of

Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 92 Upper Road, Stafford, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. **Completeness Review.**

I. <u>Introduction</u>

The application is from Stafford Solar One, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0 MW solar facility in the Town of Stafford.

II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's Application Guide for a Renewable Energy Facility, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed facility, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) § 16-50*l* (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the <u>Hartford Courant</u>.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to CGS §16-50m, the Council must schedule a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. At least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. The Council must also designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends holding a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on August 22, 2024 and depositing the transcript in the Stafford Town Hall.

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Enclosure: Schedule

REVISED SCHEDULE

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Application received	05/24/2024
Completeness review	06/20/2024
Council Interrogatories	
Set One Issued	TBD
Set One Responses due	TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	07/31/2024
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and	08/08/2024
Intervenors	
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and Responses to Interrogatories	08/15/2024
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	08/15/2024
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m.	08/22/2024
public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing	
(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 522 project	
webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) (if necessary)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	08/22/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	09/23/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	09/26/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	10/19/2024
Deadline for Decision	11/20/2024

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