

PETITION NO. 1609 – TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election	}	Connecticut
to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction,	}	
pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for	}	Siting
a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176	}	
and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and	}	Council
operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric		
generating facility located at 250 Carter Street, Manchester,		October 4, 2024
Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.		

DRAFT Decision and Order

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) § 16-50k(a), CGS §4-176 and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 0.999 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection at 250 Carter Street, Connecticut, would have a substantial adverse environmental effect, would not meet all applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Water Quality Standards, and therefore, the Council will not issue a declaratory ruling and hereby denies the petition for a declaratory ruling for the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility.

The Council finds that the proposed project will have cumulative adverse environmental effects associated with the development of the solar facility at the proposed site that outweigh the public benefit of the renewable energy that would be produced by the proposed .999 MW solar facility, including, but not limited to, effects related to forest clearing and water quality due to insufficient forested buffer areas protective of on-site wetlands/watercourses and a cold-water habitat area. Additionally, the Council finds the discharge of stormwater onto soils with low infiltration rates and towards a wetland/watercourse system could exacerbate stormwater runoff issues to residential properties downgradient of the site.

We hereby direct that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order be served on each party and intervenor or its authorized representative, as listed in the Service List, dated April 30, 2024, and notice of issuance published in the Journal Inquirer in accordance with CGS §4-180(c) and CGS §16-50p(f).

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party and intervenor named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-17.