

# DRAFT

April 11, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 532** – LSE Serpens LLC (Lodestar Energy) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment on 13 parcels located south of West Hill Road (Parcel Nos. 253/003/018; 253/003/033 through 043 and 053-003-045), Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. **Completeness Review.**

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## I. Introduction

The application is from LSE Serpens, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.0 MW solar facility in the City of Torrington. The Town of New Hartford is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

## II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's Application Guide for Electric Generating and Energy Storage Facilities, 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/ (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the Republican-American.

## 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 June 5, 2025 and depositing the transcript in the Torrington City Hall.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule

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## REVISED SCHEDULE

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Application received	03/13/2025
Council request for more information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50/-1a	03/17/2025
Date Applicant submitted complete information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50/-1a	03/19/2025 03/28/2025
Council second request for more information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50/-1a	03/31/2025
Date Applicant submitted complete information per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50/-1a	04/07/2025
Completeness review	04/17/2025
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set One Issued</li><li>• Set One Responses due</li></ul>	TBD TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	05/14/2025
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenor	05/22/2025
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and Responses to Interrogatories	05/29/2025
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	05/29/2025
<b>Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing</b> <b>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 532 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</b>	06/05/2025
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	TBD
Deadline for Party and Intervenor Post Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	TBD
Close of Public Comment Period	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD
<b>Deadline for Final Decision</b>	<b>09/09/2025</b>

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