



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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July 24, 2017

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1310** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

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Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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c: Secretary of the State  
Council Members  
Petition Service Recipients  
BCT Reporting LLC  
Pryme Tyme Entertainment

## HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176 and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, beginning with an evidentiary session at 3:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m., at the Brooklyn Community Center, Main Room, 31 Tiffany Street, Brooklyn, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on a petition from Quinebaug Solar, LLC for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

The 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the petitioner, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 6:30 p.m. public comment session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors may resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by September 12, 2017. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before September 12, 2017.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the hearing. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session will be made and deposited with the Brooklyn Canterbury and Plainfield Town Clerk's offices for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by September 12, 2017.

The petitioner is represented by the following:

**Petitioner**

Quinebaug Solar, LLC

**Its Representative**

David W. Bogan, Esq.  
Locke Lord LLP  
20 Church Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

A copy of the petition is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on Council website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this proceeding Petition No. 1310.

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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee  
Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection

Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino  
Department of Public Health

Chairman Katie Dykes  
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Commissioner Catherine Smith  
Department of Economic and  
Community Development

Robert Bruno, Director of Planning,  
Engineering & Environmental  
Connecticut Airport Authority

Todd Levine  
Historian/Environmental Reviewer  
State Historic Preservation Office

Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris  
Department of Consumer Protection

Commissioner Melody A. Currey  
Department of Construction Services

Commissioner Steven Reviczky  
Department of Agriculture

Karl Wagener, Executive Director  
Council on Environmental Quality

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary  
Office of Policy and Management

Thomas A. Harley, P.E., Chief Engineer  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction  
Department of Transportation

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director  
Connecticut Airport Authority

Commissioner Dora B. Schiro  
Department of Emergency Services  
and Public Protection

Commissioner Scott Jackson  
Department of Labor

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

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During a public meeting held on July 20, 2017, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) voted to hold a public hearing on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §4-176.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40, the Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced petition for a declaratory ruling. Your response on or before September 12, 2017 would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the petition for a declaratory ruling is pending until the evidentiary record closes.

You may access the petition for a declaratory ruling and other documents for this proceeding, including the schedule, on our website at [www.ct.gov/csc](http://www.ct.gov/csc) under the link "Pending Matters."

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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 24, 2017

TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor  
**1310170724**  
The Norwich Bulletin  
10 Railroad Place  
Norwich, CT 06360

FROM: Lisa A. Mathews, Office Assistant *LM*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1310** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

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Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council  
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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 24, 2017

Melissa Bradley  
Administrative Assistant to First Selectman  
Town of Brooklyn  
Town Hall  
4 Wolf Den Road  
Brooklyn, CT 06234-0356

RE: **PETITION NO. 1310** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Bradley:

Confirming our telephone conversation of June 26, 2017, I appreciate the reservation of the Main Room at the Brooklyn Community Center for a public hearing on September 19, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Mathews  
Office Assistant

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Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table  
(seating for twelve)  
(x = chairs)

X  
Table  
for  
Court  
Reporter  
& Audio  
Tech  
(x =  
chairs)  
X

Party Table X  
(seating for X  
four) X  
(x = chairs) X  
X

Applicant Table  
(x = chairs)  
X X X X X

Podium for  
public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC  
(chairs facing Council table)



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The Honorable Richard Ives  
First Selectman  
Town of Brooklyn  
Town Hall  
4 Wolf Den Road  
Brooklyn, CT 06234-0356

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Dear First Selectman Ives:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) scheduled a public hearing in the Town of Brooklyn in connection with the above-referenced matter on September 19, 2017. Based on the nature of this petition for a declaratory ruling, the Council voted to hold a public hearing, although it is not required by law. I am writing to invite you to participate in this public hearing.

A municipality's participation at the public hearing may take many forms. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary portion of the public hearing, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session of the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council at any time before, during or within 30 days after the close of the public hearing.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event you have legal or procedural questions, please contact our Executive Director/Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/MAB/lm





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The Honorable Roy A. Piper  
First Selectman  
Town of Canterbury  
1 Municipal Drive  
Canterbury, CT 06331-0027

RE: **PETITION NO. 1310** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Piper:

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The Honorable Paul E. Sweet  
First Selectman  
Town of Plainfield  
Town Hall  
8 Community Avenue  
Plainfield, CT 06374

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Dear First Selectman Sweet:

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