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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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.

I. Introduction

The petition is from Quinebaug Solar, LLC for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required the construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility on 29 separate parcels in the Towns of Canterbury and Brooklyn, Connecticut. The Town of Plainfield is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility project area.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council's guide for a *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling for a Renewable Energy Facility* dated August 2016, 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.

Staff recommends holding a public hearing in the Town of Brooklyn on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, and depositing the transcript in the Brooklyn, Canterbury and Plainfield Town Halls.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule