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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1310A** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, 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 and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

1. Motions

During a public hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on January 14, 2020, the Council ruled on the following motion:

Quinebaug Solar, LLC's Motion for Protective Order, dated January 7, 2020

The motion was denied by the Council.

2. Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing

The Council shall continue the evidentiary hearing for the above-referenced proceeding on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The hearing shall commence with the appearance of Eversource for cross examination by the Council and the parties, to be followed by the appearance of Troy Sposato for cross examination by the Council and the parties, and thereafter continue with the appearance of the Petitioner for cross-examination by the Council and the parties.

To save the time and expense of the parties and the public, and to conclude this proceeding in a timely fashion, the Council requests that all parties submit additional interrogatories to the Petitioner and other parties on or before January 21, 2020. Interrogatory responses, additional pre-filed testimony and any supplemental information requested from the Petitioner during the January 14, 2020 hearing should be submitted to the Council on or before January 28, 2020.

[The **final deadline** for the submission of pre-filed testimony shall be January 28, 2020. This applies to all parties.]

3. Quinebaug Solar, LLC Late-Filed Exhibits

During the January 14, 2020 evidentiary hearing, the Council requested the Petitioner submit the following information as late-filed exhibits:



- a) Provide a sign affidavit;
- b) Indicate whether or not the Collector Substation is included in the decommissioning plan under Exhibit K of the Petition, and if not, provide relevant information on the topic;
- c) Indicate whether the power purchase agreements (PPAs) allow any flexibility in the AC MW capacity of the project in the event that the size of the project is altered during the permitting process;
- d) Please explain why there are areas where the proposed wetland buffers would be less than 50 feet;
- e) Referencing Exhibit F of the Petition – Solar Module Specifications, define the acronyms STC and NOCT. Which of these two ratings is more applicable to the project?;
- f) Referencing Exhibit L of the Petition – Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Assessment, page 1, explain why simple-cycle natural gas generation (i.e. combustion turbine) was chosen for the emissions comparison purposes;
- g) Referencing Petition No. 1310 Finding of Fact #100, and the response to Council interrogatory number 3 dated January 7, 2020, explain why the distance from the limits of construction at the existing access drive to the Sposato residence increased from 55 feet to 98 feet; and
- h) At the evidentiary hearing held on January 14, 2020, Quinebaug noted that it would consider planting pollinator species. Where could such pollinator species be planted, e.g. under the solar arrays and/or around the solar arrays? If pollinator species are to be planted under the solar arrays, would such species be tolerant of the shading caused by the solar panels?

Any request for an extension of time to submit pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

If you have any questions about Council procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Council office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you.

MAB/MP/lm

c: Council Members
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