



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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July 24, 2017

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood 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 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut.

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 26, 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 Roger Sherman Town Hall, E. Paul Martin Room, 10 Main Street, New Milford, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on a petition from Candlewood 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 20 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, 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 26, 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 19, 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 19, 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 New Milford, Brookfield and New Fairfield 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 19, 2017.

The petitioner is represented by the following:

Petitioner

Candlewood Solar LLC

Its Representative

Paul R. Michaud, Esq.
Murtha Cullina, LLP
185 Asylum 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. 1312

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

Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino
Department of Public Health

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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
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State Historic Preservation Office

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Department of Construction Services

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Department of Agriculture

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Bureau of Engineering and Construction
Department of Transportation

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director
Connecticut Airport Authority

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Department of Emergency Services
and Public Protection

Commissioner Scott Jackson
Department of Labor

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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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 19, 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 under the link "Pending Matters."

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 24, 2017

TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
1312170724
The Danbury News Times
333 Main Street
Danbury, CT 06810

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

RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood 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 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut.

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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New Britain, CT 06051

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July 24, 2017

Linda Hollins
Mayor's Office Coordinator
Town of New Milford
Town Hall
10 Main Street
New Milford, CT 06776

RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood 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 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Hollins:

Confirming our telephone conversation of June 30, 2017, I appreciate the reservation of the E. Paul Martin Room at the Roger Sherman Town Hall for a public hearing on September 26, 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 David Gronbach
Mayor
Town of New Milford
Town Hall
10 Main Street
New Milford, CT 06776

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Dear Mayor Gronbach:

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Sincerely,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MAB/lm



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The Honorable Stephen C. Dunn
First Selectman
Town of Brookfield
Brookfield Municipal Center
100 Pocono Road
Brookfield, CT 06804-5106

RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood 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 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Dunn:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Stein" followed by the initials "MAB".

Robert Stein
Chairman

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The Honorable Susan Chapman
First Selectman
Town of New Fairfield
Town Hall
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812-2665

RE: **PETITION NO. 1312** – Candlewood 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 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Chapman:

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Robert Stein
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