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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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.

I. Introduction

The petition is from Candlewood Solar LLC for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for construction, maintenance and operation of a 20 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection on two adjacent properties in the Town of New Milford, Connecticut. The Towns of New Fairfield and Brookfield are within 2,500 feet of the facility parcels or properties.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council’s guide for *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling for a Renewable Energy Facility* dated August 2016 includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The petition meets statutory 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 the public hearing in the Town of New Milford on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, and depositing the transcript in the New Milford, Brookfield and New Fairfield Town Halls.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule

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