



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1313** – DWW Solar II, 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 26.4 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 289 acres comprised of 5 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally west of Hopmeadow Street (US 202/CT 10), north and south of Hoskins Road, and north and east of County Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's North Simsbury Substation west of Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, Connecticut.

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### I. Introduction

The petition is from DWW Solar II, LLC for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for construction, maintenance and operation of a 26.4 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic facility on five separate parcels in the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut. The Town of Granby is within 2,500 feet of the proposed 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 Simsbury on September 12, 2017 and depositing the hearing transcript in the Simsbury and Granby Town Halls.

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Enclosure: Schedule