### **EXHIBIT N:**

**Project Outreach Information** 



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The items listed below are included in Exhibit N.

- 1 September 2017 **Journal Enquirer** newspaper advertisements for Nutmeg Solar Open House, held September 26, 2017.
- 2 August 1, 2017 Abutter Information Meeting Attendance List.
- 3 September 26, 2017 Nutmeg Solar Open House Attendance List.
- 4 Nutmeg Solar Project Outreach Log
- **5** CT DEEP November 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- **6** CT DEEP February 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- **7** CT DEEP August 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- **8** CT Dept. of Agriculture August 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- **9** CT Siting Council Pre-Filing Meeting August 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes



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Randy Fields
Former church member

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**Date:** Sept. 26, 2017 **Time:** 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Jarmoc Farm

65 Broad Brook Rd.

Enfield, CT



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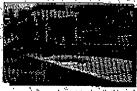
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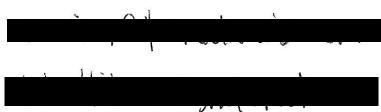


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	Carolyn R + Michael J	Lang (C)+ Lally (M)	4 Charnley Rd	
	Conn Light + Power Company	N/A	PO Box 270	
	Dana Lee + Deborah A	Warner	16 Bailey Rd	
	Daniel P + Julie C	Angelica	17 Taft La	
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## SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 NUTMEG SOLAR OPEN HOUSE ATTENDANCE LIST



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## NUTMEG SOLAR PROJECT OUTREACH INFORMATION LOG

## NUTMEG SOLAR Project Outreach Information

Date	Participants	Summary	Location	NEER/ Consultant Attendees
11/30/2016	Enfield Clean Energy Committee Chair Melissa Everett	Introduction to project	Enfield Dunkin Donuts	CJ Walsh*, Justin May
1/27/2017	State Representative Greg Stokes	Ranger: Introduction to Nutmeg Project	Legislative Office Building	CJ Walsh*, Andy Markowski
1/27/2017	State Senator John Kissel	Ranger: Introduction to Nutmeg Project	Legislative Office Building	CJ Walsh, Andy Markowski
3/21/2017	Former Enfield Mayor Scott Kaupin, Town Manager Bryan Chodkowski and Director of Development Services Mike Ciriello	Introduction to NEER and project	Enfield Town Hall	Scott Busa, CJ Walsh*, Justin May
4/12/2017	North Central Chamber of Commerce	Introduction to NEER and project	North Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Office	CJ Walsh*, Andy Markowski
7/27/2017	Director of Development Services Mike Ciriello, Finance Director John Wilcox, Supervisor of Assessment and Revenue Collection Della J. Froment, Community Development Director Peter Bryanton	Further introduction to NEER and project; update on abutter outreach and introduction of tax stablization agreement; discussion of next steps with local meetings/presentations	Enfield Town Hall	Scott Busa, Aaron Svedlow*, Justin May
8/1/2017	Invitation only - abutting property owners and other nearby residents	Introduction to NEER, the project and Q&A	On-Site: 65 Brook Brook Road, Enfield	Full NEER team and consultants
8/9/2017	Planning and Zoning, Inland Water, Zoning Board, Economic Development, Conservation and Agriculture Commissions, along with abutting property owners, the general public, and state legislators	Introduction to NEER, the project and Q&A	Enfield Town Hall	Scott Busa, Aaron Svedlow* Jonathan Willson, Andy Markowski, Justin May
9/26/2017	State Representative Carol Hall	Follow-up meeting to previous public info session; "deeper dive" into project and questions/concerns pre-community-wide open house	On-Site: 65 Brook Brook Road, Enfield	Aaron Svedlow*, Jonathan Willson, Andy Markowski

## NUTMEG SOLAR Project Outreach Information

Date	Participants	Summary	Location	NEER/ Consultant Attendees
9/26/2017	Enfield residents, abutting property owners, town officials	Community-wide public open house with opportunity for Q&A date changed from originally scheduled open house per request of Rep. Hall	On-Site: 65 Brook Brook Road, Enfield	Full NEER team and consultants
10/5/2017	North Central Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mike Vezzola	Project update	North Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Office	Jonathan Willson
10/5/2017	Town Manager Bryan Chodkowski, Director of Development Services Mike Ciriello and Finance Director John Wilcox	Project update and continuation of tax stabilzation agreement discussion	Enfield Town Hall	Jonathan Willson and Justin May
10/25/2017	CT Department of Agriculture Site Visit with Chief of Staff Jason Bowsza and Consulting Conservation Scientist Kip Kolesinskas	Project update and tour of Nutmeg Solar Energy Center Site	On-Site: 65 Brook Brook Road, Enfield	Jonathan Willson and Dale Knapp
11/2/2017	CT Department of Transportation	Discuss proposed railroad crossing west of Broad Brook Road	CT Department of Transportation	Jonathan Willson
11/13/2017	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection meeting	Discuss project stormwater and environmental impacts	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Full NEER team and consultants
11/29/2017	Enfield Economic Development Commission	Presentation to the Economic Development commission	Enfield Town Hall	Jonathan Willson and Justin May
1/30/2018	State Representative Carol Hall	Follow-up meeting to go over site changes and provide project update	Legislative Office Building	Jonathan Willson and Andy Markowski
2/13/2018	Director of Development Services Mike Ciriello, Director of Planning Roger O'Brien and Finance Director John Wilcox	Project update meeting to go over site changes and solicit any additional town feedback prior to CT Siting Council filing; tax stabilzation agreement discussion	Enfield Town Hall	Jonathan Willson and Justin May

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2/22/2018	State Representative Carol Hall	Public Info Session to discuss Siting Council process, unveil site changes and answer questions from the public	Enfield Town Hall	Jonathan Willson, Andy Markowski, and Justin May
2/23/2018	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection meeting	Discuss project stormwater and environmental impacts	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Full NEER team and consultants
6/4/2018	Full Town Council	Presentation to the Enfield Town Council at monthly meeting	Enfield Town Hall	Jonathan Willson, Andy Markowski, and Justin May
8/7/2018	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection meeting	Discuss project stormwater and environmental impacts	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Full NEER team and consultants
8/8/2018	CT Department of Agriculture meeting with Chief of Staff Jason Bowsza and Steve Anderson	Pre-filing update on Nutmeg project and follow-up to site visit	450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford	Neil Watlington, Matt Singer, Dale Knapp, Brian Huntley, Justin May
8/30/2018	Acting Town Manager- Christoper Bromsen; Director of Development Services - Laurie Whitten; Finance Director - John Wilcox; Supervisor of Assessment and Revenue Collection - Della J. Froment; Assistant Town Planner - Jennifer Pacacha	CT Siting Council Petition Pre-filing and tax stabilization agreement update; Company/ Project overview for Ms. Whitten (new to her role)	Enfield Town Hall	Neil Watlington, Matt Singer, Justin May
10/10/2018	Town of Somers Engineer, Jeffrey Bord	Discuss proposed Nutmeg Solar Project	Via phone	Matt Singer
10/10/2018	Town of Somers Engineer, Jeffrey Bord	Discuss proposed Nutmeg Solar Project	Via email	Matt Singer

<sup>\* =</sup> Ranger Solar, LLC employee

## CT DEEP NOVEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Summary Tighe&Bond

#### Nextera Energy – Nutmeg and Constitution Solar Projects, Pre-Permitting Discussion

To: Nextera Energy - Aaron Svedlow, Jonathan Willson, Jonathan Gravel, Tracy

Lizza; Locke Lord - Kate Boucher, David Bogan

FROM: Briony Angus

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2017

On November 13, 2017, representatives from Nextera, Tetra Tech, and Tighe & Bond attended a meeting with representatives from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to discuss the Nutmeg Solar and Constitution Solar projects, located in Enfield and Plainfield, CT, respectively. A summary of the meeting discussion is provided below.

#### **Meeting Attendees**

- Jonathan Willson, Nextera
- Jonathan Gravel, Nextera
- Dale Knapp, Tetra Tech
- Briony Angus, Tighe & Bond
- Jean Christy, Tighe & Bond
- Bob Hannon, DEEP
- Linda Brunza, DEEP
- Ozzie Inglesi, DEEP
- Dawn McKay, DEEP

#### Meeting Notes

Jon Willson (JW) presented an overview of both projects. Both projects are planned 20 MW projects, will be approximately 100 built acres. The project team is hoping to submit Petition to the CT Siting Council for Nutmeg over the next month or two. Field work for Nutmeg and Constitution are complete. A significant amount of public outreach has been completed. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) in place and approved. Both projects need to provide delivery Dec 31, 2019.

#### <u>Nutmeg</u>

Dale Knapp (DK) provided overview of existing site conditions and environmental resources at Nutmeg. Noted no jurisdictional wetlands or watercourses. Ozzie Inglesi (OI) asked if there was any drainage conveyance to surface water features. Need to consider impacts and runoff to Scantic River in stormwater analysis. Also need to make sure runoff and erosion is prevented from roadways. OI referenced the CT DEEP September 2017 Stormwater Guidance document for solar projects. Bob Hannon (BH) asked if Nextera could start the grubbing on the eastern array where clearing is required, let that whole area stabilize, while working on

the portion of the project on the west in the agricultural fields. In addition, areas subject to clearing need to be stabilized and revegetated with seed mix following clearing activities. DM use of the annual seedmix (i.e. annual rye) can be used to temporarily revegetate areas to allow native seed bank to establish.

Dawn McKay (DM) stated that she will need a full assessment report based on list of species in NDDB response. DK asked if we can provide information on why habitat not suitable, i.e., riverine species for example. DM wants information on why development of site/ runoff will not impact species in Scantic River, wants conservation measures for freshwater mussels. Distance from river was discussed and existing homes, roads, and other development between site and surface waters. Also discussed was the value of meadow grasses that cover the ground below the panels. Better surface water protection than row-cropping. Majority of site drains to the south away from surface waters. DM: For tiger beetles – need to assess areas where tiger beetles may be, would want to see pictures, have someone who is familiar with that taxon write up possible presence. Wants an assessment of habitat for birds on NDDB list. If we don't think habitat exists, DEEP needs to see pictures, justification of why species is not present. If there is no suitable habitat for a particular species, no further steps needed to assess, but we should implement conservation measures, i.e., time of year restrictions, than may help other species.

DM: DEEP has records from the Scantic River area for spadefoot toad. DK asked if a soil survey showing that suitable soils for the spadefoot toad are not present on the site would be sufficient to demonstrate that the species is not likely present. DK: May not be advisable to do a survey for spadefoot toad, could take 5 or 6 years. May be advisable to assume presence and develop a mortality avoidance plan (i.e. spadefoot and box turtles). DM: Also has concerns about turtles, there are active records of wood turtle on the site, they can travel far away from the river, will need a rigorous protection strategy for turtles.

Jon Gravel (JG) asked if DM wanted to do a site visit; DM responded that the project team should take a first stab and provide a habitat assessment report. DM stated that we cannot just focus on the list from NDDB, need to focus on anything on the site that may be statelisted (applies to both Nutmeg and Constitution). For example, there is only one plant on the list, doesn't mean we won't find more plants during surveys. DM suggested that the team looked at County list of plants, have a botanist familiar with CT species assess. DM asked if the team's botanist was familiar with CT species; DK responded that qualifications will be submitted with reports.

#### Constitution

BH asked if this is the site that CRRA was considering for a landfill; if so, then is there a high quality aquifer in proximity.

DK presented existing environmental conditions at the site. Discussion of potential wetland impacts. Linda Brunza (LB) stated if we get a jurisdictional determination from the Army Corps that impacts are non-jurisdictional, then there would be no Section 401 Water Quality jurisdiction. Even if non-jurisdictional per 401/404, should still present a functions and values assessment, before and after the project. Could also consider pre-meeting with Plainfield Inland Wetlands Commission. No input on how the CSC would react to wetland impacts.

DM: Site has known populations of blue spot diploid and spadefoot, will need very robust summary of field work. Concerned about work in forested wetlands for blue spotted salamander. Recommends no work in 100' setback to vernal pools, should also conduct

critical terrestrial habitat analysis. Most concerned about fragmentation of habitat, introduction of invasive species into habitat. Could address removal of invasives around high value vernal pool as an improvement. Would be helpful to send a preliminary layout or limit of work with initial submittal to NDDB.

DK asked if DEEP could provide the predictive model. DM stated that the site has active records and hits in model for spadefoot. DM and DK to discuss further outside of meeting about specific records. (DK subsequently attempted to contact DM 4 times through 12/15/17).

Discussion of bat survey results. Covered winter clearing as a clear measure to avoid mortality/risk to bats. DM suggested installing bat houses, listing as a conservation measure.

Will need to address federally listed plant on Constitution list with USFWS before submitting report to NDDB.

DM agrees that conversion of row crops to native vegetation is positive for habitat. Discussion of seed mix, DM prefers that the natural seed bank is allowed to re-establish. DM will send DK information on recommended seed mix.

DM indicated that NDDB reviews will take 8 to 12 weeks.

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## CT DEEP FEBRUARY 13, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Notes Tighe&Bond

## Meeting Notes - Nextera Energy Resources, Connecticut Projects

**LOCATION:** CT DEEP, 79 Elm Street

MEETING DATE: February 13, 2018

**START TIME:** 10:00 am

On February 13, 2018, a meeting was held at CT DEEP to discuss the Nextera Energy Resources proposed Nutmeg and Quinebaug Solar projects. Below are notes/ action items from the meeting.

#### **Meeting Attendees**

#### NextEra

Aaron Svedlow Jon Gravel Jonathan Willson

#### **Tighe and Bond**

Briony Angus Brian Huntley Jean Christy

#### **Tetra Tech**

Katelin Nickerson

#### CT DEEP

Linda Brunza
Nicole Lugli
Neal Williams
Sharon Yurasevecz
Fred Riese
Dawn McKay
OswaldInglese
Kim Hudak

#### Nutmeg Solar – Broad Brook Road, Enfield

#### a. Project Overview

Aaron Svedlow (AS) described the Nutmeg Project, and updates that have been made to the original design. He explained we have decreased the project footprint and worked to reduce visual and environmental impacts for the project with this new layout.

#### b. Construction Period Stormwater

Brian Huntley (BSH) and Jean Christy (JEC) provided an overview of the proposed construction-period stormwater approach for the Nutmeg project, as presented in the memorandum provided to DEEP in advance of the meeting.

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Ozzie Inglese (OI) asked how construction would happen if the project did not have to be held to the 5-acre rule. BSH responded that the 5-acre areas would be grouped together with larger controls. Construction would occur in more of a "rolling" approach, site would never be completely open. Maybe have sub-catchments of 10 to 15 acres instead. This would allow for a more efficient construction process and would allow Nextera to keep all trades on site at the same time. Stormwater management controls would be easier to maintain and this approach would still be aligned with the overall goal to control and manage stormwater appropriately.

Neal Williams (NW) said that as watersheds get larger and stormwater controls get larger, this poses issues with dam safety. BSH indicated that the design of stormwater controls would try to avoid dam safety issues.

OI asked when erosion and sedimentation controls would be installed during the sequence. JEC responded that perimeter controls would be installed early, prior to clearing. The notes on the drawings provided with the memorandum outline the proposed sequence.

OI indicated that DEEP is open to the proposal summarized in the memorandum as long as we can provide justification of no adverse impacts. We can go larger than 5 acres if desired.

BSH asked if the site can be stabilized with hydroseeding with a bonded fiber matrix. Sharon Yurasecevz (SY) said that sediment traps should remain until stabilization. NW said that in DEEP's experience, the application of tackifier is a daily event, need to have a truck on-site at all times. SY said that Nextera can open another phase after the application of tackifier if the sediment traps remain. SY stated that DEEP is not opposed to the use of basins in lieu of sediment traps.

OI clarified that DEEP does consider the driving of piles for racking to be an earth disturbing activity.

#### c. Timing/ Content of DEEP Stormwater Permit Application

OI asked when Nextera planned to submit the Petition for Nutmeg. AS stated possibly in 6 to 10 weeks. OI wants the application for the DEEP Stormwater Permit submitted at the same time or no later than the Petition. DEEP will not issue the Stormwater Permit until CSC review is complete but if they have an application before them, they can provide concrete input to the CSC. The team acknowledged that we need a Determination from the Natural Diversity Database Program (NDDB) prior to submitting the DEEP Stormwater Permit application. CT DEEP noted that the wildlife division of CT DEEP would review the project independently from the siting council.

If the project design changes due to CSC review, Nextera can withdraw the Stormwater Permit application and re-file. The DEEP review period on the Stormwater Permit is 60 days or 90 days for larger projects. The group acknowledged that the CSC review timeline is much longer, so may need to receive a Notice of Deficiency from DEEP on the Stormwater Permit application to stop that clock, or obtain a new Permit. The group discussed the potential of an Individual Stormwater Permit which has a longer review timeline but agreed it was not an appropriate path for this project.

DEEP asked that we file only what is needed for the Stormwater Permit and not all the materials that will be submitted to the CSC. Will need to include all documents included in

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checklist on DEEP guidance document, "Stormwater Management at Solar Farm Construction Projects" September 8, 2017.

OI indicated that the project will require a financial assurance mechanism (FAM) with DEEP for construction period stormwater controls. DEEP wants the FAM as a Letter of Credit. Fusion Solar's FAM was \$500,000. The FAM will be based on the cost of implementing, maintaining, and inspecting erosion controls, and potential corrective measures. We need to propose the cost to DEEP. OI provided Nextera with a DEEP template for the FAM. Unless there is a very compelling legal reason, Nextera should plan on using DEEP's template as it has already been vetted. The proposed FAM cost estimate should be provided with the DEEP Stormwater Permit application.

Summary of proposed approach to the Stormwater Permit:

- Get NDDB Determination
- Submit DEEP Stormwater Permit via DEEP ezFile system
- Submit CSC Petition
- Stop clock on Stormwater Permit and/ or acknowledge that we may need to apply for a new Stormwater Permit

#### d. Consultation with Town of Enfield

OI asked if Nextera has consulted with the Town of Enfield about the project. AS described public outreach to date, noted that discussions are mostly about community impacts, economic development, and taxes. Intend to consult with the Enfield Inland Wetlands Commission about the project. OI encouraged NEER to engage Enfield planning officials on our stormwater management plan and construction sequencing. NEER agreed to include any feedback from the Town relevant to construction period stormwater in the Stormwater Permit application.

#### e. Overview of Environmental Conditions – Nutmeg

Katelin Nickerson (KN) described the environmental surveys that have been completed for the project to-date, including:

- Soils
- Vernal pools
- Wetlands
- Bats
- RTE habitats

KN reported that there are no jurisdictional wetlands at the site. There is a small excavated depression that had evidence of amphibian breeding habitat; we are giving this area a 100′ buffer.

Dawn McKay (DM) indicated that she had not read the Nutmeg Environmental Assessment Report provided in advance of the meeting. She had reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the Quinebaug Project from the CSC Petition for that project.

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DM asked if Nextera had conducted spadefoot toad surveys, informed the group that there were known populations of spadefoot toad along the Scantic River and they may be present at the project site due to the presence of amphibian breeding observed during spring 2017 surveys. Nextera stated that the plan is to assume presence and develop an avoidance and mitigation plan. DM said this would be acceptable if the plan was developed by a qualified individual. DM asked if we would also develop an avoidance plan for wood turtles and eastern box turtles; KN and AS responded yes.

AS asked DM for a copy of the spadefoot toad predictive model. DM said that DEEP does not have a copy but she will look into it. KN and AS stated that there are no Hinckley soils within the project area.

DM requested that we submit the Nutmeg Environmental Assessment report to the NDDB email address. This way it will be categorized appropriately and returned in a timely manner. Emails directly to her do not always get a response. Need to make sure that it is very thorough, that she can follow the scientific logic of why we think a particular species is present at the site or not. Need to also do comprehensive habitat evaluation aside from species on NDDB list. NDDB's turnaround time on the report review will be 6 to 8 weeks. AS asked if we can do a call or email with DM if she encounters issues in her review of the report, she said yes.

When re-establishing vegetation in disturbed areas, DM recommended that we use seeds that will not out compete the native vegetation. Rely on native seed banks to establish long-term vegetation.

#### 2. Quinebaug Solar - Wauregan Road, Brooklyn/ Canterbury

#### a. Proposed Spring 2018 Field Work

Prior to meeting, Nextera provided a summary of proposed field work for Spring 2018 for the Quinebaug site. DM stated that we need to acquire scientific collection permits prior to conducting field work. If studies were to be done and spadefoot toads are found to be present, we would need to acquire scientific collection permits for collecting/using telemetry for Connecticut listed species. These are site-specific. So we need permits for each site where we may be collecting.

DM stated that it is likely that the Quinebaug project will result in an incidental take of the spadefoot toad. She is less concerned about the blue spotted salamander than the spadefoot toad. DM stated that she will send an example of an Incidental Take Report from another project. Approval for an incidental take comes from the DEEP Commissioner and OPM Commissioner. This approval process could take 6 months.

## CT DEEP AUGUST 7, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Summary Tighe&Bond

#### Nextera Energy - Nutmeg Solar Project, CT DEEP Pre-Permitting Discussion

To: Nextera Energy – Matt Singer, Neil Watlington, Jon Gravel, Jonathan Willson,

Mitch Thiem; Locke Lord - Kate Boucher, David Bogan; Tetra Tech - Dale

Knapp, Katelin Nickerson

FROM: Briony Angus

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2018

On August 7, 2018, representatives from Nextera, Locke Lord, Tetra Tech, and Tighe & Bond attended a meeting with representatives from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to discuss the Nutmeg Solar Project, located in Enfield, CT. A summary of the meeting discussion is provided below.

#### **Meeting Attendees**

CT DEEP: Ozzie Inglese, Fred Riese, Linda Brunza, Neal Williams, Robin Blum; Nextera Energy: Matt Singer, Neil Watlington, Mitch Thiem, Jon Gravel; Tetra Tech: Dale Knapp, Katelin Nickerson; Locke Lord: Kate Boucher; Tighe & Bond: Brian Huntley, Jean Christy, Briony Angus

#### **Meeting Notes**

#### Introduction

Matt Singer (MS) stated that the goal of the meeting is to provide an update on the Nutmeg project and get feedback from CT DEEP. Nextera's goal is to file the Nutmeg project with the CT Siting Council and CT DEEP in September 2018.

MS provided an overview of the Nutmeg project. The Nutmeg project is a 20 MW AC project proposed in Enfield. Targeted COD of Aug 2020. The project was selected as part of the 2016 DEEP RFP. Nextera signed PPAs June 2017 with Eversource and UI. MS provided background on Nextera; 30 utility scale solar plants in US, rapidly expanding in New England. The Nextera 20 MW Coolidge project is currently under construction in VT.

#### **Natural Diversity Database Program Determination**

Katelin Nickerson (KN) thanked CT DEEP for the NDDB Determination. KN provided an overview of work at the site to date. Tetra Tech started field work at the site in 2016, and did a full year of site surveys in 2017. Tetra Tech is also working with Dr. Kevin Ryan on the project. In 2018, the team did a second year of VP surveys, spadefoot toad surveys, and a general herpetofauna survey. There are no jurisdictional wetlands at the site. Soils are sandy loam. There is one excavated depression that has vernal pool indicator species. The vernal pool does not have hydric soils. Based on all field work conducted to date, Tetra Tech has developed a herpetofauna avoidance and mitigation plan.

Robin Blum (RB) stated that she has reviewed all materials submitted to date, stated that Dawn McKay from the NDDB program is completely satisfied with wildlife issues.

Ozzie Inglese (OI) asked how the wildlife mitigation plan affects construction. Dale Knapp (DK) noted that there is a seasonal restriction for bats, clearing must occur between October and April.

#### **Construction Period Stormwater**

Briony Angus (BA) provided background on the discussion of construction period stormwater. At the last meeting with DEEP in February 2018, the team heard from CT DEEP that it was acceptable to have sub-phases larger than 5 acres, and to have multiple phases under construction at once if discharging to separate and distinct upland areas. CT DEEP concurred with this summary.

Brian Huntley (BSH) stated that clearing will happen in winter, and that if clearing occurs during frozen ground conditions it will occur without impacts/discharge, and without any controls. There will be no grubbing of any kind prior to installation of stormwater controls.

BSH provided an overview of proposed phasing. There are three phases, broken into multiple sub-phases. The sub-phases vary between 5 and 10 acres based on soils and topography. Each sub-phase has either a temporary sediment basin or trap. Typical details for a basin and trap were provided to DEEP.

OI asked when the road would be installed. BSH stated that it would likely be installed in early spring. Neal Williams (NW – DEEP) asked if a warm winter would stop tree clearing. BSH said that it wouldn't stop clearing, but it would change the approach and Nextera would install controls. Nextera intends to use tree clearing companies familiar with low impact tree clearing methods. NW – DEEP asked who would make the call that controls needed to be in place. BSH responded that it would be Nutmeg Solar, the permittee.

OI asked who from Nextera is overseeing the work. Jon Gravel (JG) stated that Nextera has full time internal construction oversight on-site as soon as work starts. OI asked if Tighe & Bond would be on-site as the plan gets implemented. This would not be as the third-party inspector but as the design engineer for the stormwater plan. Discussion of how often the design engineer should be on site; OI wants the engineer on site for the implantation of subphases. If all sub-phases to be installed at once, ok for engineer to oversee installation of multiple phases.

OI asked if any erosion control measures would be installed for tree clearing. BSH stated that none were planned, but a staging area will be established.

OI asked about the construction schedule, voiced concern that the project could be constructed in one season. OI noted that CT DEEP is seeing overly ambitious construction schedules.

OI asked if Nextera had to meet the COD date. Neil Watlington (NW) stated that there is a COD in the PPA that Nextera is required to meet. Nextera is also trying to avoid multiple mobilizations. BSH stated that the construction period stormwater design has been thoughtfully designed; the team agrees that it is impossible to install temporary measures after the fact. The goal is to have multiple phases going at once to minimize schedule. Temporary measures will come out when full stabilization is achieved.

BSH: Seeking agreement from DEEP on proposed approach.

Fred Riese (FR) asked if there are other projects in CT that Nextera has done so that DEEP can track performance. MS described the Dickinson project in CT and the Coolidge project in VT. OI stated that he will reach out to colleagues at VT ANR to discuss the Coolidge project. NW –DEEP asked if Nextera has local contractors lined up. Mitch Thiem indicated that no contractors have been hired yet; NW –DEEP stated that contractors from the southwest have faced challenges associated with weather and soil conditions.

NW – DEEP asked if everything will sheet flow. BSH responded that it will be a combination of sheet flow and swales. NW – DEEP asked if these would be permanent features. BSH: No, the temporary construction period stormwater controls will come out, design team is trying to limit areas of work that are concurrent with panels.

FR asked what will the permanent vegetation under the panels look like. BSH said that it would be native, low growing vegetation maintained as meadow, mowed a couple of times per year. NW – DEEP made a reference to a Minnesota guidance document that says that the length of the arrays cannot be more than the area between them. DEEP is considering adding this to the next General Permit. BSH stated that we have never seen a project site where spacing between the rows exceeds the length of the panels; this is a significant deviation from the industry. BSH stated that in Tighe & Bond's experience in New England, the vegetation does very well around and beneath panels. DEEP is considering putting that in the next GP.

Discussion of financial assurance mechanism (FAM) for construction period stormwater: OI stated that Nextera should apply a factor of what it would cost if DEEP had to implement the measures themselves, this should be \$10k to \$15k per acre.

Schedule: Nextera is seeking to file the CSC Petition and DEEP Stormwater Permit concurrently in September.

FR asked if Nextera has consulted with Dept. of Agriculture. Dale Knapp (DK) stated that the Nextera team has conducted a site visit at the Nutmeg site with Dept. of Agriculture representatives, and the team is also meeting with the Dept. of Agriculture tomorrow morning.

OI stated that the current GP will expire September 30, 2018, need to pay attention to this. If Nextera is a permit holder when the new GP is issued, may need to re-register. If there is a modification to the design, may need to modify the permit. If the project design changes significantly during the CSC process, would likely be a new permit/re-registration. However, the DEEP stormwater permit has a 5-year life. OI stated that as long as the project stays within a particular envelope, it should be ok to modify approach as long as still maintaining compliance with GP.

MS stated that the meeting today is for the Nutmeg Solar project, but Nextera has two other projects in the same pipeline, Quinebaug (Brooklyn and Canterbury) and Constitution (Plainfield). Quinebaug permits will likely be submitted Q4 2018, and Constitution after that. FR asked if the CSC decision on Quinebaug affected the PPA. MS responded that the contract contemplates permitting delays; but there was a financial cost to Nextera because of the delay.

OI stated that NW – DEEP and Sharon Yurasevecz are the only two people that can ensure compliance with the GP. DEEP is currently working with Energy side of CT DEEP to get more resources for site inspections. DEEP may be looking to retain resources to do independent inspections at the Applicant's cost.

OI stated that DEEP wants to emphasize the need for Nextera to have sufficient oversight in implementation. Need to make sure that the contractor is following the design, make sure that Nextera has design professionals on-site, so that if something unforeseen occurs, it can be fixed in the context of the overall design. DEEP wants to see honest inspection reports. If there is a problem, show DEEP that there is a problem and what the solution is. Wet weather will test the design, design will need to be able to be flexible.

NW said that Nextera appreciated the guidance and insight, and wants to make sure that the project and construction are successful.

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## CT DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AUGUST 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES



### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** 8/08/2018 0900-1030

Owner/Client: NextEra Energy Resources

**Project:** Nutmeg Solar Project

**Purpose:** Nutmeg Project Discussion/Updates CT Dept. of Agriculture

**Location:** Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Hartford, CT.

Attendees: <u>Dept. of Agriculture:</u> Jason Bowsza, Stephen Anderson

<u>Tighe & Bond:</u> Brian Huntley <u>Tetra Tech</u>: Dale Knapp <u>Gaffney Bennet:</u> Justin May

NextEra: Matt Singer, Jon Gravel, Neil Watlington

#### **Summary Overview:**

1. Completed a round of introductions.

- 2. Matt provided a high-level background and overview of the project and the company.
- 3. Jason highlighted the position of the department that things are changing with the new legislation passed. There is a mapping tool that they are collaborating with the University of Connecticut to develop an assessment tool that will help evaluate material impacts.
- 4. Matt provided an overview of the shift from the west side of Broad Brook road and the community, environmental, and farmlands that were avoided.
- Dale provided background of work done to date on site and revisited the site visit with Kip and Jason.
- 6. Matt provided an overview of the project's decommissioning plan. A question was raised if financial security for the decommissioning plan would be posted in year 1. Matt stated this was not typical or preferred.
- 7. Jason was curious about the interactions that have occurred with the orchard owners to the east of the project.

- 8. Brian provided an overview of construction phasing and plan to separate the project into discrete 5-10 acre sub-phases pursuant to CT DEEP's guidance on stormwater controls. Clearing timing (winter) along with methodology (low impact/high flotation equip). Soil stabilization was discussed
- Jason asked where the project's energy would be utilized. Neil provided an in-depth background of market structures and the drivers behind the regions current policies and economics that are driving the project.
- 10. Stephen was particularly interested in decommissioning. Jason followed suit in pressing that a project of this type will likely never be decommissioned. Jason asked if there is an example of how a solar project has been decommissioned in the past? He expressed lack of belief that the project would ever be returned to farmland. Neil stepped in to provide further background to look at where the energy industry has been and where it might be going.
- 11. Acreage of impacts to farmland soil raised. Dale provided an estimate of acres of farmland soils impacted by designation (i.e., prime, statewide importance, local importance) and that further details will be provided in the CT siting council app. Design is still underway.
- 12. Soil mitigation plan was discussed related to areas where removal and stockpiling would occur. Plan would be overseen by a soil scientist and soils would be kept and stabilized in a central location on site.
- 13. Topic of residential/commercial development pressure returning was discussed as reemerging competitor for land in CT.
- 14. Jason stated that this is the type of meeting they hope to have with all developers and that he appreciated the opportunity to have the conversation and discuss the project.

## CT SITING COUNCIL PRE-FILING MEETING AUGUST 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Summary Tighe&Bond

## Nextera Energy – Nutmeg Solar Project, CT Siting Council Pre-Filing Discussion

**To:** Nextera Energy – Matt Singer, Neil Watlington, Jon Gravel, Jonathan Willson,

Mitch Thiem; Locke Lord - Kate Boucher, David Bogan; Gaffney Bennett -

Justin May; Tetra Tech - Dale Knapp, Katelin Nickerson

FROM: Briony Angus

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2018

On August 8, 2018, representatives from Nextera, Locke Lord, Gaffney Bennett, Tetra Tech, and Tighe & Bond attended a meeting with Melanie Bachman of the CT Siting Council (CSC) to discuss the Nutmeg Solar Project, located in Enfield, CT. A summary of the meeting discussion is provided below.

#### Meeting Attendees

CSC: Melanie Bachman; Nextera Energy: Matt Singer, Neil Watlington, Mitch Thiem, Jon Gravel; Tetra Tech: Dale Knapp, Katelin Nickerson; Locke Lord: David Bogan; Gaffney Bennett: Justin May; Tighe & Bond: Briony Angus

#### **Meeting Notes**

Matt Singer (MS) made introductions to the new Nextera team. Melanie Bachman (MB) asked who would be present at public hearings, who would provide testimony, and who has done the environmental field work. MS responded that the majority of people in the room would be on the witness panel, and that Tetra Tech has conducted all of the field work at the Nutmeg site.

MS provided an overview of the Nutmeg solar project and background on Nextera Energy. The Nextera business model is to serve as developer, owner, and operator. MB thanked MS for addressing that, indicated it was one of her questions.

MS provided an overview of the project site, and described how the layout used to be on both sides of Broad Brook Road. The proposed project layout with landscaping mitigation was presented. MB asked if there was an opportunity to go back to the west side of Broad Brook Road if needed, voiced concern about the vernal pool and associated Critical Terrestrial Habitat. MB suggested looking at interrogatories for recent solar projects; the CSC is interested in ways to compress project footprints as much as possible (i.e. panel configuration, higher wattage panels, string inverters).

MB asked if the team has talked to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) about the tobacco barns. Briony Angus (BA) responded that Heritage Consultants, Inc. evaluated the tobacco barns as part of the Phase 1A process, and has discussed with SHPO. The barns are not considered historically significant.

Katelin Nickerson (KN) provided an overview of environmental field work conducted at the site. Tetra Tech started field work in 2016. Based on feedback from CT DEEP, Nextera engaged Dr. Kevin Ryan to conduct additional field work for vernal pools, herpetofauna, and eastern spadefoot toad; Dr. Ryan will provide testimony to the CSC on behalf of the project.

KN provided an overview of the vernal pool at the site. MB asked if the pool was a Tier 1 pool. KN responded that the pool meets some of the requirements for a Tier 1 pool, but the hydroperiod is not long enough. MB stated that it will be important to specially address what Dr. Klemens says about the required hydroperiod in CT. KN stated that Nextera has developed a comprehensive Avoidance and Mitigation Plan, and has received a Determination from the NDDB program.

KN stated that an eastern spadefoot toad survey has been completed and spadefoot were not observed at the site.

MB asked if there were bat restrictions, and what species were encountered. Dale Knapp (DK) responded that there are general time of year restrictions for tree roosting bats.

BA provided an overview of consultation to date with CT DEEP on construction period stormwater, and noted that Nextera intends to submit the Stormwater Permit application concurrently with the Petition.

MB expressed frustration with the approach that CT DEEP is taking with construction period stormwater for solar projects undergoing CSC review, does not believe this information should be generated so early in the design process. MB noted that the CSC has been trying to work with CT DEEP on this issue, has not reached any resolution. MB noted that there have been conflicts between time of year restrictions for bats and wildlife and CT DEEP concerns about land disturbance in winter. MB mentioned a CT DEEP request to put a hold on a partial Development and Management Plan for another project due to proposed clearing in winter.

BA noted that the Nutmeg team has met with CT DEEP Stormwater staff three times, has had productive discussions on approach. Nextera intends to include CT DEEP meeting minutes in Petition.

DK provided an overview of consultation to date with the Dept. of Agriculture. Part of the reason that the project is no longer on the west side of Broad Brook road is due to agricultural soils. DK noted that the team has conducted a very comprehensive analysis of soils and developed an agricultural soils mitigation plan. MS stated that Nextera will also have a comprehensive decommissioning and restoration plan for the site and soils. MS noted that Nextera has a site restoration clause and decommissioning bond in the lease with the landowner.

Justin May (JM) said that Nextera has taken a "local first" approach to the Nutmeg project. The team has had half a dozen public forums, multiple meetings with the Town of Enfield. State Representative Carol Hall encouraged Nextera to eliminate the array on the west side of Broad Brook Road. Nextera has received positive feedback from the Town Council, Hazardville Fire District.

MB noted that she has not heard from Representative Hall since the project was selected by DEEP through the RFP process. JM noted that the Town of Enfield is excited about the project.

MB asked about the point of interconnection. MS stated that Nextera is building a collector substation directly adjacent to the Eversource substation off Bailey Road, will be an underground connection.

MB said that she cannot determine whether the CSC will decide to hold a public hearing for the project, but they likely will. Once we submit the Petition, the CSC has to give 30 days

notice, then has to make a decision on an action within 60 days. The action will be to approve, deny, or decide to hold a public hearing. The CSC will set a date for decision on the Petition at the end of the 180<sup>th</sup> day following submittal.

MB noted that the other arm of CT DEEP (Energy) is giving the CSC pressure to be more sensitive to utility scale PV.

David Bogan (DB) stated that Nextera intends to file the Petition at the end of September. MB noted that we will likely get Mike Perrone as the analysis.

MS noted that Nextera will likely file the resubmittal for Quinebaug in Q4 2018 and the Petition for Constitution in 2019.

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