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December 6, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1352** – Nutmeg 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 19.6-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 162 acres comprised of 9 separate parcels located generally south of Bailey Road and east of Route 191 (Broad Brook Road), and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Scitico Substation at 20 Bailey Road in Enfield, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The petition is from Nutmeg Solar, LLC for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for a 19.6 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility on nine separate parcels in the Town of Enfield, Connecticut. The Town of Somers is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

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, 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.

In response to requests for a public hearing on this petition, the Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on December 6, 2018. The Council must designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends holding the public hearing in the Town of Enfield on Thursday, January 10, 2019, and depositing the transcript in the Enfield Town Hall.

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Enclosure: Schedule

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SCHEDULE

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Petition Received	10/19/2018
Completeness review	12/06/2018
Council Interrogatories	
• Set-One Filed	11/14/2018
• Set-One responses due (w/one-week extension)	12/07/2018
• Set-Two Filed	12/13/2018
• Set-Two responses due	01/03/2019
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	12/18/2018
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	12/27/2018
Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories due	01/03/2019
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/03/2019
Field review (1:30 p.m.)	01/10/2019
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)	01/10/2019
Continued Public Hearing Session(s)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	01/10/2019
Close of Public Comment Record	02/09/2019
Draft Findings of Fact	02/28/2019
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/14/2019
Deadline for Decision	04/17/2019

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