



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.

MB/MP/lm

Enclosure (1)

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.
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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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