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July 25, 2017

The Honorable Lisa L. Heavner
First Selectman
Town of Simsbury
Town Office Building
933 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, CT 06070

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.

Dear First Selectwoman Heavner:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) scheduled a public hearing in the Town of Simsbury in connection with the above-referenced matter on September 12, 2017. Based on the nature of this petition for a declaratory ruling and requests received, the Council voted to hold a public hearing, although it is not required by law. I am writing to invite you to participate in this public hearing.

A municipality's participation at the public hearing may take many forms. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary portion of the public hearing, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session of the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council at any time before, during or within 30 days after the close of the public hearing.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event you have legal or procedural questions, please contact our Executive Director/Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MAB/lm



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TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

MB/RDM/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 12, 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 Eno Memorial Hall, Auditorium, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on a petition from DWW Solar II, 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 26.4 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 289 acres located generally west of Hopmeadow Street, 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.

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 12, 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 5, 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 5, 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 Simsbury and Granby 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 5, 2017.

The petitioner is represented by the following:

Petitioner

DWW Solar II, LLC

Its Representative

Lee D. Hoffman, Esq.
Pullman & Comley, LLC
90 State House Square
Hartford, CT 06103-3702

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. 1313.

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