

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

**Petition of DWW Solar II, LLC for a  
Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of  
Environmental Compatibility and Public  
Need is Required for a 26.4 Megawatt AC  
Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility  
In Simsbury, Connecticut**

**Petition No. 1313**

**August 3, 2017**

**DWW SOLAR II, LLC'S OBJECTION TO MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING**

The petitioner, DWW Solar II, LLC ("DWW") respectfully submits this Objection to the Motion to Continue Hearing ("Motion") filed by the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut ("Town").

In support of its Objection, DWW states as follows:

1. DWW filed the instant Petition with the Siting Council on June 29, 2017, and provided the Town with a copy of its Petition contemporaneously with its Siting Council filing. DWW has since provided the Town with six additional electronic and hard copies of its Petition, at the Town's request.
2. As articulated in Section 5.1 of the Petition, DWW has been meeting with Town officials to discuss its project since March of 2016, more than a year before the Petition was filed.
3. In addition to those meetings with Town officials, DWW conducted two public meetings in the Town – one on May 11, 2017 and one on June 22, 2017. The description of these meetings is included in Exhibit D of the Petition.
4. Since the Petition has been filed, various Boards and Commissions of the Town have met to discuss the project proffered by DWW. DWW has been on the agendas of nine such meetings during the month of July and three such meetings

during the month of August, according to the Town's calendar found at:

<https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/calendar>.


5. The Town's Clean Energy Task Force has placed the DWW project on its agenda for meetings on July 10, July 25 and August 14.
6. The Town's Planning Commission placed the DWW project on its agenda for a meeting on July 11.
7. The Town's Economic Development Commission placed the DWW project on its agenda for a meeting on July 13.
8. The Town's Zoning Commission placed the DWW project on its agenda for a meeting on July 17.
9. The Town's Board of Finance placed the DWW project on its agenda for a meeting on July 18.
10. The Town's Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency placed the DWW project on joint agendas for meetings on July 18 and August 1.
11. The Town's Design Review Board placed the DWW project on its agenda for a meeting on July 24.
12. The Town's Board of Selectmen placed the DWW project on its agenda for a meeting on July 27.
13. The Town's Historic District Commission placed the DWW project on its agenda for a meeting on August 3.
14. As can be seen from the above, these twelve meetings will have been completed a month before any scheduled hearing is to take place with respect to this Petition.

15. Given this robust schedule of meetings, DWW respectfully submits that the project has received “a full scrutiny of the Project and its impact on the Town,” as articulated in the Town’s Motion.
16. Moreover, the Town has begun to advertise the September 12, 2017 hearing date to its residents. *See, e.g.*, Town of Simsbury, First Selectwoman’s Report – July 27, 2017, pages 6&7, which can be found at: [https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/sites/simsburyct/files/news/170727\\_first\\_selectwomans\\_report\\_july\\_27\\_0.pdf](https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/sites/simsburyct/files/news/170727_first_selectwomans_report_july_27_0.pdf). Rescheduling the hearing to a later date may lead to confusion for those who have learned about the September 12 hearing date, either from the Town itself or from the Siting Council’s published schedule.
17. Finally, DWW notes that the Siting Council has provided for “Continued Public Hearing Session(s) (if necessary) in its July 20, 2017 Schedule for this Petition. To the extent that the Town needs additional time to formulate thoughtful comments from which all parties can benefit, the Schedule provides for such additional time already. There is no need to postpone the September 12 Public Hearing.

WHEREFORE, DWW objects to the Town’s Motion to Continue Hearing. The Town has been aware of this project for more than a year, has been a party to numerous meetings regarding the project, and has ample time to provide meaningful commentary regarding the

project as provided in the Siting Council's July 20, 2017 Schedule. As such, there is no need to continue the first Public Hearing for this Petition until October.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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