

December 4, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Peter A. Ray, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities, Siting Division
One South Station, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Hillman Energy Center, LLC, EFSB 25-08

Dear Secretary Ray:

On April 1, 2025, Hillman Energy Center, LLC (“Hillman Energy” or the “Company”) submitted to the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “EFSB” or the “Siting Board”) a petition for individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the Town of Tewksbury Zoning Bylaws to (1) construct a 125-megawatt (“MW”) Battery Energy Storage System (“BESS”) and related electrical infrastructure at 73-75 Hillman Street in Tewksbury, Massachusetts; and (2) an approximately 1,200-foot electric transmission interconnection line (collectively, the “Project”). Today, the Company is supplementing its original filing.

The Company is filing a supplemental 30 percent design plan prepared by Langan (labeled as Attachment A-supplemental). There are two modifications in this document from the original. First, at the request of the Town of Tewksbury, the Company redesigned its stormwater system so as not to drain into the Town’s water lines. Second, the Company has added a gravel parking pad on the property. The new 30 percent design plan and accompanying Memorandum (labeled as Attachment B-supplemental) incorporates those changes.

For its Project, the Company has determined to change battery manufacturers and use lithium-ion batteries designed by Hithium. The change in manufacturer will allow the Company to submit significant information about the batteries for public review. Other battery manufacturers require that safety information be submitted under protective treatment that would preclude Hillman from making the documents available for public review. Hithium does not have a restrictive view of that information. Given the change in battery manufacturer, the Company is updating the Sound Level Assessment Report (labeled as Attachment C-supplemental) and a letter from Exponent reporting on Electric and Magnetic Fields (labeled as Attachment D-supplemental).

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We are filing new documents as pertains directly to Hithium batteries. These documents include:

- Attachment G - Battery Energy Storage System Large Scale Fire Test prepared by a third-party expert, Atar Fire;
- Attachment H - Hillman Energy Center Emissions of Carbon Monoxide and Volatile Organic Compounds from BESS fires, prepared by third-party expert, Hazard Dynamics;
- Attachment I - Cell Test Report UL 9540A, conducted by UL Solutions;
- Attachment J - TUV Rheinland Report pertaining to rack fires; and
- Attachment K - Information about the Storage Inverter prepared by M System

We are also submitting updated visuals of the property itself and street views, labeled Figure 6-4 through Figure 6-8.

Lastly, due to the file size of this submittal, we will hand deliver to the Department a thumb drive containing the documents as well as two paper copies of the filing. The documents will be emailed to the Service List via a file transfer.

Please contact the undersigned with questions pertaining to today's filing.

Very truly yours,



Andrew O. Kaplan

Enclosures

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