



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of April 25, 2019

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer Robert Silvestri at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Silvestri
Presiding Officer
Edward Edelson
Michael Harder (arrived at 1:10 p.m.)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Acting Chairman Betkoski)

Council Members Absent:

Michael W. Klemens

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of March 28, 2019.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2019; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

- 2. DOCKET NO. 474 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground**

approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation. **Partial Development and Management Plan – Overhead Segment.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 485 - MCM Holdings, LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility at one of two sites: 1542 Boston Post Road or at the end of Kirtland Street, Westbrook, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, and Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1312 - Candlewood Solar LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon voting no.

PETITION NO. 1362 - Town of New Milford petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176, for a determination that the January 28, 2019 Development and Management Plan submitted by Candlewood Solar, LLC in Petition No. 1312 conflicts and/or is inconsistent with the Connecticut Siting Council's December 21, 2017 final decision on Petition No. 1312. Decision.

Mr. Harder arrived.

Mr. Hannon moved to deny this petition; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Lynch recused himself from discussion.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order for the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1354 – Chatfield Solar Fund, 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 1.98-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 25 acres located generally south of Route 80 (North Branford Road) and east of Chestnut Hill Road in Killingworth, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Green Hill Substation located at 775 Green Hill Road, Madison, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Harder moved to grant the Petitioner's Motion to Strike KARS' Post-Hearing Brief; seconded by Mr. Lynch. Upon discussion, Mr. Harder amended his motion to grant the Petitioner's Motion to Strike KARS' Post-Hearing Brief if an original and 15 copies of the KARS' Post-Hearing Brief is not submitted to the Council's office by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on April 25, 2019; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Edelson, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, Mr. Silvestri, and Mr. Lynch voting to deny the petition with prejudice; and Mr. Levesque voting in favor of the project.

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order denying this project with prejudice to be reviewed at the next meeting.

7. **PETITION NO. 1363 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed modification of an existing rooftop wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at the Connecticut Post Mall, 1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1364 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial and residential building located at 192 Main Street, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 470B Thursday, May 2, 2019, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, May 9, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Petition No. 1312 (court-ordered remand) Tuesday, May 14, 2019, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Docket No. 470B Thursday, May 16, 2019, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **(if necessary)**
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, May 23, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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