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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of April 23, 2020**

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 23, 2020. 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  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman Gillett)  
Nicole Lugli  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
John Morissette

**Staff Members Present:**

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

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Minutes of March 26, 2020.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2020; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 487 – Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 183 Soundview Lane, New Canaan, Connecticut. Requests for Party Status. Requests for Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant Party status to Hugh C. and Judith R. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Morissette moved to grant Intervenor status to Joseph E. and Kathleen A. Sweeney; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harder moved to grant Intervenor status to Steven and Miriam H. Sosnick; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to group Hugh C. and Judith R. Wiley; Joseph E. and Kathleen A. Sweeney; and Steven and Miriam H. Sosnick as the “Soundview Neighbors” pursuant to CGS §16-50n(c) on the basis that they share the same interests and are all represented by the same counsel; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to grant Party status to St. Luke’s School/St. Luke’s Foundation, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 488 - Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Kent Tax Assessor ID #M10, Block 22, Lot 38 Bald Hill Road or 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. Bald Hill Road Neighbors’ Request to add Party and CEPA Intervenor. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Edelson moved to grant the motion for protective order; seconded by Ms. Lugli. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Morissette moved to add the property owners at 2 Bald Hill Road, Matthew and Bonnie Harris, as an additional Party and CEPA Intervenor to the Bald Hill Road Neighbors group; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. DOCKET NO. 489 – The First Taxing District Water Department of Norwalk application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 173 ½ West Rocks Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Request for Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Edelson moved to grant Intervenor status to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T); seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. PETITION NO. 1310A - Quinebaug 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 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed with Ms. Lugli abstaining.

- 6. 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. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the motion for protective order; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

- 7. PETITION NO. 1345 – North Stonington Solar Center, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 15 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 353 acres comprised of four abutting parcels located east of Pendleton Hill Road, north of the Pawcatuck River and south of Interstate-95 with proposed access from Ella Wheeler Road, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Shunock Substation west of Pendleton Hill Road in North Stonington, Connecticut. Partial Development and Management Plan – Site Clearing.**

Mr. Morissette moved to deny the partial Development and Management Plan on the basis that it is not in compliance with the Council's October 26, 2018 Declaratory Ruling as the site plan does not

comply with the site layout approved by the Council and a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection approved Storm Water Pollution Control Plan was not submitted, and to recommend that a request to amend the Council's October 26, 2018 Declaratory Ruling for the site layout proposed in the Partial Development and Management Plan be submitted; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1372 - Derby Fuel Cell, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 14.0-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 200 Roosevelt Drive, Derby, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

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

9. **PETITION NO. 1397 - Constitution 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 20-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 149 acres comprised of four separate parcels located off of Cornell Road in Plainfield, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the motion for protective order; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1399 – Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and 16-50k, that modifications to its existing natural gas compressor stations located in the Towns of Brookfield and Milford, Connecticut (“Enhancement by Compression Project”) are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to table this item; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **TS-CING-131-200326 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 435 Mill Street, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- AT&T's antennas and antenna mount shall be installed in accordance with the Mount Analysis prepared by Hudson Design Group, LLC, dated March 10, 2020 (Rev.3) and

stamped and signed by Daniel Hamm;

- Within 45 days following the completion of equipment installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the Mount Analysis; and
- Approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

## 12. **Administrative Matters.**

The cancellation of the following energy/telecommunications meeting date was discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, May 7, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED**

## **Adjournment.**

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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