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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 14, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021. 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.

Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Robert Hannon
(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 December 17, 2020.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2020; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 490 – The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Old Town Substation Rebuild Project that entails construction, maintenance and operation of a 115/13.8- kilovolt (kV) air-insulated replacement substation facility located on the existing Old Town Substation parcel at 282 Kaechele Place and two parcels immediately north totaling approximately 3 acres that are owned by the United Illuminating Company at 312 and 330 Kaechele Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Silvestri in favor of the proposed project; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. **DOCKET NO. 496 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 800 Prospect Hill Road, Windsor, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript and Motion for Protective Order.**

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

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1422 - Greenskies Clean Energy, 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 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at Mulnite Farms, Inc. off Barber Hill Road west of the intersection with Rockville Road, East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Schedule.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1426 - East Windsor Solar One, 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 4.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located west of the Ellington town boundary at 341 East Road, East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Schedule.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1427 – SunJet Energy, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.0-megawatt or less AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection located at 0 Matthews Street and 125 Hill Street, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional condition that the petitioner relocate the access drive entrance and gate opposite Peppermint Lane to minimize direct views of the facility from a residence; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1429 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed 1768 Line Lattice Tower Replacement Project consisting of the reconductoring and replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 7 miles of its existing No. 1768 115-kilovolt (kV) double-circuit electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between East Granby Junction in East Granby and the Suffield, Connecticut/Agawam, Massachusetts border, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Request to Commence Construction in Upland Areas.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Request to Commence Construction in Upland Areas; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1434 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a new 63-foot steel pole and associated radio communications equipment located at the Eversource-owned Old Mountain Road Substation, 29 Old Mountain Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. **TS-T-MOBILE-062-201117 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 796 Woodin Street, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

1. Approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff; and
2. Install yellow Caution sign(s) if none currently existing, consistent with the Non-Ionizing Radiation Report prepared by Infinigy dated October 9, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edelson, and passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

10. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 495, Thursday, January 21, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, January 28, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Adjournment.

Mr. Edelson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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