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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 24, 2020

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 24, 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.

Linda Guliuzza
(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
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of September 10, 2020.

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2020; seconded by Mr. Edelson. 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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed with Ms. Guliuzza and Mr. Harder voting no; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 491 - 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 located at 110 Yantic Lane, Norwich, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

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

4. **DOCKET NO. 492 - Gravel Pit Solar application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 120-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on eight parcels generally located to the east and west of the Amtrak and Connecticut Rail Line, south of Apothecaries Hall Road and north of the South Windsor town boundary in East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule and Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1398 - LSE Pictor, 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 104 acre parcel located off of Platt Hill Road, Winchester, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions that the petitioner install a level spreader at the stormwater basin discharge point, if feasible, and submit a Self-Verification Notification Form for Project inland wetland impact to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion failed with Mr. Edelson recusing; Ms. Guliuzza abstaining; and Mr. Morissette, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Silvestri voting no.

Mr. Morissette moved to deny this petition without prejudice; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson recusing and Ms. Guliuzza abstaining.

6. **PETITION NO. 1406 - Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 9.66-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 600 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to the United Illuminating Company's existing Congress Street Substation. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e), Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Governor Lamont's March 25, 2020 Executive Order No. 7M, as no later than February 5, 2021; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1425 - Gaylord Mountain Solar Project 2019, 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 1.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road in Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Schedule.**

Mr. Silvestri recused himself from this matter.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

8. **TS-VER-047-200827 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Plantation Road, East Windsor, 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;
2. Prior to Verizon's antenna installation, the tower modifications shall be installed in accordance with the Structural Analysis prepared by All Points Technology Corporation, dated July 9, 2020 and signed and stamped by Michael S. Trodden; and
3. Within 45 days following completion of equipment installation, Verizon shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch and passed unanimously.

9. **TS-VER-023-200902 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 309 East Hill Road (f/k/a Hoffman Road), Canton, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

1. Approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff;
2. Construction activities shall take place during daylight working hours consistent with Condition No. 8 of the Council's Decision and Order in Docket No. 62;
3. Prior to Verizon's antenna installation, the tower modifications shall be installed in accordance with the Structural Analysis prepared by American Tower Corporation, dated August 13, 2020 and signed and stamped by Esha Kaushal Modi; and
4. Within 45 days following completion of equipment installation, Verizon shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis.

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

5. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1410, Thursday, October 1, 2020, **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, October 8, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Docket No. 490, Thursday, October 15, 2020, **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, October 22, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Docket No. 491, Thursday, October 29, 2020, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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