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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of October 8, 2020**

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 8, 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 24, 2020.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2020; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. FORECAST-2020/2021 - Connecticut Siting Council 2020 Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Public Comment Session Schedule.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Public Comment Session Schedule as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Morissette moved to grant Party status to The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Ms. Guliuzza recusing.

4. **DOCKET NO. 493 – Global Signal Acquisitions IV LLC and Crown Castle Towers 06-02 LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Lakeview Street, East Hampton, Connecticut. 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. **DOCKET NO. 494 - 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 south of Chestnut Hill Road at the intersection with Grilley Road and Lyman Road (Parcel No. 101-1-5B), Wolcott, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule and Deposition of the Transcript. Motion for Protective Order.**

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

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

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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Hannon moved to grant Party status to NuPower Bridgeport FC, LLC; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1411 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 132 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut. Proposed Screening/Concealment Plans.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve the proposed Screening/Concealment Plans; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1415 - 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 5.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 27 acres comprised of 3 abutting parcels located generally northeast of the intersection of Boom Bridge Road and Anthony Road and south of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

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

9. **PETITION NO. 1420 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 150-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Home Depot, 225 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, Connecticut. Decision**

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

10. **PETITION NO. 1423 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 150-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Home Depot, 90 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Ms. Guliuzza recusing.

11. **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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Silvestri is recused from this matter.

Mr. Morissette moved to grant Intervenor status to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

**12. Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Biennium Budget.**

Mr. Edelson moved to present the budget to the energy and telecommunications industries for comment; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

**13. Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan. Annual Review.**

Mr. Lynch moved that no revisions be made to the Council's 2018 Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50ee; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

**14. PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Annual Review.**

Mr. Hannon moved that no revisions be made to the Council's current Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields, dated February 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

**15. Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- 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
- Petition No. 1410, Tuesday, October 20, 2020, continued **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 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
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, November 5, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment.**

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

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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