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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 28, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 28, 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
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of January 14, 2021.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2021; seconded by Mr. Harder. 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record of the proceeding.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion and Decision and Order, as amended, with an additional condition that Eversource submit a partial Development and Management Plan for its portion of the transmission modifications; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1410 - 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 3.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on two parcels at the Elmridge Golf Course located to the east and west of North Anguilla Road at the intersection with Elmridge Road, Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Silvestri asked Mr. Morissette to preside over this item.

Mr. Edelson is recused from this matter.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Mr. Morissette polled the Council members with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, Mr. Silvestri, and Mr. Morissette in favor of the proposed project; Mr. Lynch abstaining; and Mr. Edelson recusing.

Mr. Morissette directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. **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. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1431 - SunJet 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection located at 0, 78, and 84 Thomson Road in Bethlehem, Connecticut. 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 September 8, 2020 Executive Order No. 9A, as no later than June 12, 2021; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1433 - 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 1191 Line Rebuild Project, consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 10 miles of its existing No. 1191 115-kilovolt (kV) single-circuit electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between the existing Frost Bridge Substation in Watertown and the existing Campville Substation in Harwinton, Connecticut, traversing Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield and Harwinton, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and the recommendation that Eversource minimize the width of the access roads to the extent practicable; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1435 - The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at property owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation off Leetes Island Road, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **TS-VAPOR-084-210112 - Vapor IO, Inc. request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Bona Street, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, February 11, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Petition No. 1422, Tuesday, February 23, 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, February 25, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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