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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 25, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer John Morissette at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Presiding Officer
Edward Edelson
Michael Harder
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Robert Silvestri

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of March 11, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2021; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **PETITION NO. 1310A - Quinebaug Solar, LLC 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). Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1347A - GRE GACRUX LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional condition that the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan be revised, and submitted to the Council, to include the correct site address and with the following provisions: leaky vehicles and equipment will not be allowed on site, vehicles and equipment that are determined to be leaking be removed from the site for repair, and that all leaks, fuel overfills, and spills will be contained and cleaned up immediately; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

4. **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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion and Decision and Order, as amended, denying the proposed solar facility; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining; Mr. Silvestri recusing; and Mr. Edelson and Mr. Nguyen voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1438 - 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 a customer-side 500-kilowatt AC fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 69 (a/k/a 65) Woodland Street and a customer-side 500-kilowatt AC fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located off of Drake Hill Road, both located at the Dyno Nobel campus in Simsbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1439 - 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 construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility with an omni-directional antenna on a 45-foot steel pole and associated radio communications equipment located at Eversource-owned Canton 5R substation property, 13 Morgan Road, Canton, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1442 - SR Litchfield, 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 19.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 6 contiguous parcels located both east and west of Wilson Road south of the intersection with Litchfield Town Farm Road in Litchfield, Connecticut, and both east and west of Rossi Road, south of the intersection with Highland Avenue in Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Edelson moved to grant Party Status to Ronald M. Viola, Trustee; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, April 8, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Docket No. 497, Tuesday, April 13, 2021, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, April 22, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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