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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of July 29, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 29, 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
Louanne Cooley
Edward Edelson
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of July 15, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2021; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 498 – Diamond Towers V, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 185 Academy Road (Route 68/Route 70), Cheshire, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Mr. Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Edelson, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Ms. Cooley, and Mr. Morissette in favor of the proposed project with the conditions that Diamond Towers consult with the property owner regarding a construction schedule and submit a spill response plan.

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 505 –Haddam Quarter Solar, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 2.8-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located south of Haddam Quarter Road and north of Johnson Lane, Durham, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript. Motion for Protective Order.**

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

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1395A – Windham Solar declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of one 1.0-megawatt (MW) and one 0.99 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities located at 31 Benz Street, Ansonia, Connecticut. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended with the additional conditions that Windham Solar provide landscaping vegetation detail; no blasting be permitted at the site; and submit a copy of the letter required by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Stormwater Permit for connection to the city's stormwater system; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1426 - DG Connecticut Solar III, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri voting no and Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1453 - 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 proposed modifications to its existing Killingly Substation located at 257 Tracy Road in Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended with the additional condition that Eversource Energy submit specific requests for Sunday work hours, if necessary; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1454 - 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 modifications to its existing Mansfield Substation located at 140 North Eagleville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended with the additional condition that Eversource Energy submit specific requests for Sunday work hours, if necessary; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Ms. Cooley recusing.

8. **PETITION NO. 1455 - 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 proposed modifications to its existing Mystic Substation located at 148 Greenmanville Avenue, Stonington, Connecticut and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended with the additional conditions that Eversource Energy submit specific requests for Sunday work hours, if necessary; and submit verification that noise levels of the series reactors comply with DEEP Noise Control Regulations prior to the commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Administrative Matters.

The following energy/telecommunications meeting and public hearing dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, August 12, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Docket No. 504, Thursday, August 19, 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, August 26, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Docket No. 502, Tuesday, August 31, 2021, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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