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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 12, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 12, 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
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr
Robert Silvestri

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

Council Member Absent:

Louanne Cooley

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Ifenyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of July 29, 2021.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of July 29, 2021; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

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2. **DOCKET NO. 496 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 800 Prospect Hill Road, Windsor, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

4. **DOCKET NO. 499 - 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 16 Coote Hill Road, Sherman, 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. Hannon, and Mr. Morissette in favor of the proposed project with the conditions that the tower shall be designed with a yield point to ensure that the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the subject property; submission of a Traffic Management Plan, a Wetland/Watercourse Protection Plan, a Species Protection Plan, and an Invasive Species Plan with provisions for the use of clean imported fill; and examination of the feasibility of installing open bottom box culverts for watercourse crossings; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 501 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 106 Sharon Road, Lakeville (Salisbury), 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. Hannon, and Mr. Morissette in favor of the proposed project with the conditions that AT&T install a propane-fueled generator; the

tower and appurtenances are painted brown; and submission of Geotechnical Study results and plans for any ledge removal; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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

6. **Administrative Matters.**

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

- 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. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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