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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 24, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022. 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
Mark Quinlan
Robert Silvestri

Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Kenneth Collette
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of February 10, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2022; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 495 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Motion to Reopen; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 504 - Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Lot N-4, Sequin Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1467 – Barrett Outdoor Communications, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed relocation of existing non-tower antenna arrays from a non-jurisdictional billboard located at 28 Sidney Street to a new telecommunications facility proposed to be constructed, maintained and operated at 200 East Main Street, Rear, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. Upon discussion, the motion was overturned with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Collette, and Mr. Morissette voting to deny this petition on the following bases:

1. the new telecommunications tower is a “facility” over which the Council has jurisdiction that requires a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §16-50i and §16-50k;
2. the existing non-tower antenna array (NTAA) structure is not a “facility” over which the Council has or had jurisdiction nor is it a “tower” pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-2a(30); and
3. the Council has not balanced the public need with the environmental effects of the proposed facility site in accordance with the certification criteria under CGS §16-50p.

5. **PETITION NO. 1473 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 311 Old Gate Lane, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1475 – 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 Eastern Connecticut Reliability Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 2.1 miles of its existing Nos. 100 and 400 69-kilovolt (kV) and Nos. 1410 and 1280 115-kV electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Montville Junction, Montville and Ledyard Junction, Ledyard, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and the additional condition that an environmental monitor oversee construction in sensitive resource areas and submit reports to the Council when any deviations from compliance with Eversource's 2016 *Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements, Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut* (BMPs) occur, including, but not limited to, where BMPs are not installed, where BMPs are installed but incomplete, or where BMPs are installed but failed; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1478 – T-Mobile Northeast, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 344 Firetown Road, Simsbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1480 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on a new approximately 50-foot Eversource-owned utility pole that is not used principally for electric distribution service to be located in the public right-of-way adjacent to 32 Sasco Creek Road, Westport, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 9 - 18

Mr. Silvestri moved to table Item No. 14 - **TS-DISH-049-220126 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 3 Bright Meadow Boulevard, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision**; seconded by Mr. Collette. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 9 through 13 and 15 through 18. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

9. **TS-DISH-106-211022 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1363 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-165-220106 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1000 Old County Circle, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-DISH-015-220121 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 220 Evergreen Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-064-220126 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 92 Weston Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-007-220126 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-097-220128 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 21 Berkshire Road, Newtown, Connecticut. Decision.**

16. **TS-DISH-164-220201 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 780 (a/k/a 800) Prospect Hill Road, Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-142-220207 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 56 Ruops Road, Tolland, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-DISH-080-220207 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 11 West Peak Drive, Meriden, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 10, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 507, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, **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 Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 495A, Thursday, March 31, 2022, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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