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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 10, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 10, 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 (departed at 2:11 p.m.)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Kenneth Collette

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Robert Silvestri

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman

Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Fred Cunliffe

Supervising Siting Analyst

Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo

Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh

Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of February 24, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. FP-ATT-083-211214 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Request to Initiate Feasibility Proceeding for shared use of an existing facility located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, 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. Silvestri, Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Collette, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Morissette voting not to issue a determination that shared use of the existing facility is technically,

legally, environmentally and economically feasible, and meets public safety concerns; and Mr. Nguyen voting to issue a determination that shared use of the existing facility is technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible, and meets public safety concerns.

Mr. Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order determining the shared use of the existing facility is not technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible, and does not meet public safety concerns to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. DOCKET NO. 506 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Morissette stated that he read the transcript of the public comment hearing session.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Mr. Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Collette, and Mr. Morissette voting to deny the application without prejudice.

Mr. Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order denying the application without prejudice to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. DOCKET NO. 495A - 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 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. Reopening of this Certificate based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor Status to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T); seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOCKET NO. 499 – Homeland Towers, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the additional condition that prior to commencement of construction activities, Homeland Towers, LLC submit written authorization from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Stormwater Division that the hand-felling of trees to comply with the DEEP clearing restriction protective of two state-listed bat species can be conducted prior to the issuance of the DEEP General Permit; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1476 – 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 extension and modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 2627 Day Hill Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

Mr. Quinlan left the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

7. **PETITION NO. 1477 – Dish Wireless 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 441 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e) and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than July 13, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1479 – 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 of a customer-side 1.5-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the NBC Sports Group building, 1 Blachley Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. **PETITION NO. 1481 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (T-Mobile) 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 419 Broad Street, Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 10 – 13

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 10 through 13.

Mr. Silvestri moved to remove Item No. 11 from the table; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Lynch recusing from Item No. 11.

10. **TS-DISH-089-211223 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 723 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **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.**
12. **TS-DISH-011-220210 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1021 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-032-220222 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 712 Bread and Milk Street, Coventry, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **Administrative Matters**

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

- 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. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.
Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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