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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 24, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 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
Robert Silvestri

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

Council Members Absent:

Mark Quinlan

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr

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 Mathews

1. Minutes of March 10, 2022.

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

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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Mr. Morissette took the final vote of each Council member with Mr. Silvestri, Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Collette, and Mr. Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order determining the proposed shared use of the existing facility is not feasible, and Mr. Nguyen voting no.

3. **DOCKET NO. 508 – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest and West River substations along approximately 9.5 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor traversing the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1443A - SR North Stonington, 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 9.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on five parcels located north and south of Providence New London Turnpike (State Route 184), west of Boombridge Road and north of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Request to Submit Supplemental Information into Evidentiary Record.**

Mr. Collette moved to approve the Request to Submit Supplemental Information into the Evidentiary Record to admit the Final Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database Determination that was issued on March 7, 2022 without an additional hearing; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1482 - 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 700-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Tully Health Center, 32 Strawberry Hill Court, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1483 - 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 Dooley Substation to Scoville Rock Substation and Middletown Substation Structure Replacement Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 9 miles of its existing Nos. 387, 362, and 3041 115-kV electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way in Middletown, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Collette 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 30, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1484 - 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 Gales Ferry Substation located at 301 Whalehead Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. 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 August 2, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8 – 14

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 8 through 14. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-DISH-083-220207 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 213 Court Street, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-DISH-045-220207 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 2 Arbor Crossing, East Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-144-220303 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 58 Edison Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. **TS-DISH-009-220307 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 11 Francis J. Clarke Circle, Bethel, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-046-220307 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 208 Everett Road, Easton, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-144-220308 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 425 Indian Ledge Park Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-DISH-027-220308 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 46 Meadow Road, Clinton, Connecticut. Decision.**

15. Administrative Matters

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

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 7, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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