

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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# DRAFT Meeting Minutes Meeting of April 7, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 7, 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 Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. Kenneth Collette (designee for Commissioner Dykes) Mark Quinlan Robert Silvestri

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Quat Nguyen (designee for Chairman Gillett)

#### **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 March 24, 2022.

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

2. DOCKET NO. 501 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.

Mrs. Cooley moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Collette. The motion passed unanimously.

3. DOCKET NO. 503 - Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Quinlan moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Morissette abstaining.

4. 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 telecommunications facility located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen the Evidentiary Record. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny the Motion to Reopen the Evidentiary Record; seconded by Mr. Collette. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOCKET NO. 507 – Homeland Towers, LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 222 Clintonville Road, North Branford, Connecticut. Request to Submit Supplemental Information into Evidentiary Record.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Request to Submit Supplemental Information into the Evidentiary Record; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvestri moved to admit the late-filed exhibits into the record without an additional hearing; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

6. PETITION NO. 1485 - 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 2-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Stamford Hospital, 1 Hospital Plaza, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Collette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the recommendation that bollards be installed at the curve of the Emergency Room driveway east of the fuel cell and along Hospital Plaza south of the fuel cell, if the locations of the additional bollards will not interfere with hospital operations or any existing underground utilities at the site; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PETITION NO. 1486 – 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 400/500 Lines Rebuild Project consisting of the upgrade of the existing No. 400 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line to 115-kV and the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along 8.6 miles of the existing No. 400 electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Ledyard Junction in Ledyard and Tunnel Substation in Preston; and the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 4.9 miles of the existing No. 500 69-kV electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Hallville Junction in Ledyard and Tunnel Substation in Preston Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Lynch 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 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Collette. The motion passed unanimously.

8. PETITION NO. 1487 – TRITEC Americas, 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 1.97 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 254 Putnam Road, Pomfret, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 August 9, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

9. PETITION NO. 1488 - 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 on electric transmission line structure No. 3147, owned by Eversource Energy within an existing Eversource Energy electric transmission line right-of-way located at 140 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, 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 August 14, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

### Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 10 – 22

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 10 through 22. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

- 10. TS-DISH-038-211202 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 143R Old Blue Hills Road, Durham, Connecticut. Decision.
- 11. TS-DISH-104-220207 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 2 Hinckley Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision.
- 12. TS-DISH-083-220309 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 67 Fairchild Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.
- 13. TS-DISH-134-220309 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 157 Chestnut Hill Road, Stafford, Connecticut. Decision.
- 14. TS-DISH-034-220309 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 48 Newtown Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.
- 15. TS-DISH-046-220310 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 197 North Street, Easton, Connecticut. Decision.
- 16. TS-DISH-060-220310 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Long Hill Road (a/k/a 131 Manor Road), Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.
- 17. TS-DISH-066-220310 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 123 Campville Hill Road, Harwinton, Connecticut. Decision.

- 18. TS-DISH-045-220310 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 93 Roxbury Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.
- 19. TS-DISH-168-220310 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 202 Great Hollow Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.
- 20. TS-DISH-014-220310 Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Sylvia Street, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.
- 21. TS-DISH-085-220317 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 500 Moose Hill Road, Monroe, Connecticut. Decision.
- 22. TS-DISH-103-220321 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Willard Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.

#### 23. Administrative Matters

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 508, Thursday, April 28, 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, May 12, 2022, beginning at **1:00 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 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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