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Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 6, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 6, 2024. 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

Robert Silvestri

Chance Carter

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

(Mr. Lynch was absent for Item Nos. 6 – 12)

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Council Members Absent:

Thomas Near, Ph.D.

Khristine Hall

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman

Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst

Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo

Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh

Supervising Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst

Adam Morrone

Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of May 23, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2024; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

2. **DOCKET NO. 500 - Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1061-1063 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

3. **DOCKET NO. 505 - Haddam Quarter Solar, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 2.8-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located south of Haddam Quarter Road and north of Johnson Lane, Durham, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

4. **DOCKET NO. 520 - 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 telecommunications facility located at 124 Ague Spring Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Carter, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of the proposed facility with the development and management plan conditions to continue to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the tower color; to design the tower with a yield point; and to explore the feasibility of reasonably shifting the facility site further away from property line; and Mr. Lynch's straw poll vote not recorded.

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 521 – Tarpon Towers III, 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 telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 1021-1041 South Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Carter moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to CGS §1-210(b) related to the disclosure of monthly rent and financial terms contained within the lease agreement; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

6. **PETITION NO. 1605 - 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 Hartford Underground Cable Replacement Project consisting of the replacement and partial relocation of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1722 and 1740 high pressure fluid filled (HPFF) electric transmission cables with cross linked polyethylene (XLPE) electric transmission cables along approximately 6.7 miles of existing and new right-of-way between Northwest Hartford Substation, Southwest Hartford Substation and South Meadow Substation and retirement of two transmission line taps at Capital District Energy Center Cogeneration Associates and O'Brien Energy Systems, Inc. cogeneration facilities in Hartford, Connecticut and related electric transmission cable and substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and additional condition to submit a final micro-tunnelling plan and schedule; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Carter recusing.

7. **PETITION NO. 1624 – 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 proposed modifications to its existing Sandy Hook Substation and associated equipment located at 13 Farmery Lane, Newtown, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1627 – LSE Libra LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 410 Denslow Hill Road, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Carter 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 October 9, 2024; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

9. **PETITION NO. 1628 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) and 48 Newtown Road Corporation c/o BRT Realty joint petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 48 Newtown Road, Danbury, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen 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 September 12, 2024; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1629 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on the roof of a multiuse building located at 330 Roberts Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Carter 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 17, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 11 - 12

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 11-12. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

11. **TS-VER-132-240509 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 575 Pleasant Valley Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-T-MOBILE-052-240516 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 190 Colt Highway, Farmington, Connecticut. Decision.**

13. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 521, Thursday, June 13, 2024, **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, June 20, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1622, Thursday, June 27, 2024, **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, July 18, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1609, Tuesday, July 23, 2024, **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. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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