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Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting of May 23, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 23, 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
Khristine Hall

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Council Member Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Thomas Near, Ph.D.

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 9, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **PETITION NO. 1606 – Endurant 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 4.9-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at 65 and 105 Vine Street, Middletown, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 4 to include bollard placement; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1608 – Greenskies Clean Energy, 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 3.035-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Middlefield Road, Durham, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending paragraph 9 on page 4 of the staff report to include that Greenskies Clean Energy (GCE) preemptively reduced the visual impact of the proposed interconnection by eliminating one meter from the design, reducing the pole count by one and relocating the two poles on GCE's side of the interconnection to the interior of the site; amending Condition No. 5 to include installation of an agricultural-style fence; and additional conditions to provide final details of transformer insulating oil leak monitoring; consult with Eversource Energy to determine the feasibility of installing Eversource Poles 1 and 2 farther from Middlefield Road to reduce visibility; submit a post-construction operational noise study that documents compliance with state standards and the identification of any noise mitigation measures that are employed to adhere to the standards; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1625 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) and Town of Wethersfield 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 23 Kelleher Court, Wethersfield, 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 September 1, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1626 – North Franklin Solar One, LLC and Verogy Holdings, LLC d/b/a Verogy, 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 4.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 931 Route 32, Franklin, 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 1, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Petition No. 1611, Tuesday, June 4, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 6, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- 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.

Public Act 24-144 An Act Concerning Certain Proceedings Relating to Electric Transmission Lines and the Membership and Processes of the Connecticut Siting Council.

Mr. Silvestri moved to submit a Resolution to the Governor to veto Public Act 24-144; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Golembiewski abstaining.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Hall. 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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