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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 6, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025. 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
Chance Carter
Khristine Hall
Elin Katz

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Council Members Absent:

Bill Syme

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst 1

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst 2
Adam Morrone
Siting Analyst 1

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of January 23, 2025.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 470B- NTE Connecticut, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 650-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Windham Energy Center, LLC Motion to Reopen Based on Changed Conditions Specifically Limited to the Status of the Existing Certificate.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant Windham Energy Center, LLC's Motion to Reopen specifically limited to a determination as to the status of the existing Certificate and to hold a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Carter and Presiding Officer Morissette voting no.

3. **DOCKET NO. 526 - Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.999-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Lantern Hill Road (Parcel No. 169-1-4), Stonington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, Presiding Officer Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Ms. Katz, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

4. **DOCKET NO. 529 - Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco 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 Parcel No. 65-002-1, Old Chester Road North, Haddam, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Ms. Katz moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 923A - Fuel Cell Energy, Inc. amended petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation and operation of a Fuel Cell test facility located at 539 Technology Park Drive, Torrington, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit an operational noise study performed during fuel cell testing that documents compliance with state standards and the identification of any noise mitigation measures that are employed to adhere to the standards, if necessary; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Ms. Hall and Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1602A - Glastonbury Solar One, LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy, LLC amended petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 17 Wickham Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

7. **PETITION NO. 1651 - Fairy Lake, 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 4.99-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at 380 New London Road, Salem, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnections. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to take this item off the table: seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e) and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40(c), as no later than June 9, 2025; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8-9

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 8 and 9. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-VER-018-250110 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 60 Vale Road, Brookfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-VER-080-250114 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 13 Pomeroy Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut. Decision.**

10. Administrative Matters

The following upcoming calendar events were discussed:

- Docket No. 528, Thursday, February 13, 2025, **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, February 20, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Ms. Katz moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanie A. Bachman', written in a cursive style.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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