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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 20, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 20, 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
Khristine Hall
Elin Katz
Bill Syme

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

Council Member Absent:

Chance Carter

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 February 6, 2025.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Syme abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 470C - 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. Reopening of this Certificate based on changed conditions specifically limited to the status of the existing Certificate, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Schedule.**

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 530 – 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 and associated equipment located at 196 East Haddam-Colchester Turnpike, East Haddam, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

4. **DOCKET NO. 531 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC 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 62 and 64 Pershing Drive, Ansonia, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1643 – C-Tec Solar, 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 2.95-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 77 Pompeo Road, Thompson, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Ms. Katz stated that she read the record for this proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Ms. Hall, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of approving the facility with the Development and Management Plan conditions to increase the setback of the facility from Pompeo Road; relocate stormwater basin 1A to avoid tree clearing along Pompeo Road; relocate stormwater basin 1B a minimum of 50 feet from the

35 Pompeo Road property line; submit a Landscaping Plan; submit an Operations and Maintenance Plan that includes annual vegetation maintenance to be implemented for the life of the facility; install an agricultural-style fence; implement a Vernal Pool Protection Plan; use the northern access road as the main facility site access and restrict use of the southern access road near 35 Pompeo Road for emergency use only; relocate the electrical interconnection facilities to the north with the 2 Eversource electric distribution poles by the road and the 2 C-TEC electric distribution poles by the equipment pads; and with the Decision and Order conditions to submit a copy of the final Emergency Response Plan to local emergency responders prior to commencement of operation, and provide emergency response training that includes an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment and adequate water supplies for any fire issues at the facility site; and conduct 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, if necessary; Mr. Syme and Ms. Katz voting no; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1646 – Kinsley Energy Systems, LLC (Kinsley Group, Inc.) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 300-kilowatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at the New Canaan YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Ms. Katz moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and additional conditions to conduct 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, if necessary; and relocate the facility a minimum of 25 feet from the YMCA building or submit certification from a fire safety specialist that the location and design is safe prior to the commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

7. **PETITION NO. 1652 – 391 Durham 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 1.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 391 Durham Road, Madison, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40(c), as no later than June 22, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1653 – East Point 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 20-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 1825 South Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnections. 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 Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40(c), as no later than June 22, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1654 - Tunnel BESS, 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 16.02-megawatt (MW) AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to replace the existing approximately 17-megawatt kerosene-fueled Tunnel Jet electric generating facility and associated equipment located adjacent to FirstLight Power, Inc.'s Tunnel Hydroelectric Generating Station, 72 Roosevelt Avenue Extension, Preston, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Katz 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 28, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1655 – Borrelli Solar 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 179 and 197 Borrelli Road, East Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Request for Public Hearing.**

Ms. Katz moved to grant the Town of East Haven's request for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 11

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 11. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

11. TS-VER-122-241230 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 250 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. Decision.

12. Administrative Matters

The following upcoming calendar events were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 6, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 529, Thursday, March 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, March 20, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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