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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 6, 2025

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

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

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifeyanyichukwu 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 20, 2025.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2025; seconded by Ms. Katz. The motion passed with Mr. Carter abstaining.

2. **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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor Status to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1598 – Windsor Solar One, LLC 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 445 River Street, Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

4. **PETITION NO. 1642 – 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 Danbury Underground Cable Replacement Project consisting of the replacement and partial relocation of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1270 and 1337 high pressure fluid filled (HPFF) electric transmission cables with cross linked polyethylene (XLPE) electric transmission cables along approximately 3.6 miles of existing and new right-of-way between Triangle Street Substation and Middle River Substation in Danbury, Connecticut and related electric transmission cable and substation improvements. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended; seconded by Mr. Syme. 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record for this proceeding.

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, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Ms. Katz and Mr. Syme voting no.

6. **PETITION NO. 1649 - 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 Falls Village Substation and associated equipment located at 35 Water Street, Canaan, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure replacement and improvements. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to maintain and replace plantings, as necessary, for the life of the facility; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Motion for Protective Order – Response to Council Interrogatory No. 10 -Cost Information.**

Mr. Nugyen moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, related to the disclosure of project costs, cost recovery mechanisms and energy pricing; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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. Schedule.**

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

9. **Administrative Matters**

The following upcoming calendar events were discussed:

- 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.
- Docket No. 470C, Tuesday, April 1, 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, April 3, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:45 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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