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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of April 3, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 3, 2025. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chair Designate Elin Katz, at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Elin Katz
Chair Designate
John Morissette
Khristine Hall
Chance Carter

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

Council Member 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

Introduction.

Chair Designate Katz thanked John Morissette, who has served on the Council for seven years, and four years as Presiding Officer, for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the work of the Council, as well as for his guidance.

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. **Minutes of March 20, 2025.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 522 - Stafford Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 92 Upper Road, Stafford, 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 abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 533 – 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 161 Conrad Street, Naugatuck, 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. **PETITION NO. 1592A - Santa Fuel, 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 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Draft Opinion, and Draft Decision and Order, as amended with Condition No. 3 to submit a copy of the final Emergency Response Plan, *which includes, but is not limited to, contact information for local police, fire and emergency medical technicians, to the Council*; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Morissette, Mr. Lynch, and Chair Designate Katz voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended.

5. **PETITION NO. 1647 - 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 17.3-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at Parcel No. 25-25-1-BB-2, North Larkey Road, Oxford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnections. Motion for Protective Order – Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-22a(d) - Proprietary Information.**

Mr. Morissette moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, related to the disclosure of trade secrets associated with the Site Decommissioning Plan and the Emergency Response Plan; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 6 - 7

Chair Designate Katz introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 6 – 7 . The Consent Calendar was adopted.

6. **TS-T-MOBILE-028-250219 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 11 Munn Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
7. **TS-T-MOBILE-074-250303 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 438 Bantam Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
8. **Administrative Matters**

The following upcoming calendar events were discussed:

- Petition No. 1655, Thursday, April 10, 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 17, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 530, Thursday, April 24, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.
Chair Designate Katz adjourned the meeting at 1:36 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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