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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of May 15, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chair Elin Katz, at 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Elin Katz
Chair
John Morissette
Vice Chair
Chance Carter
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Khristine Hall
Bill Syme

Staff Members Present:

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

Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst 2
Adam Morrone
Siting Analyst 1

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of May 1, 2025.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2025; as amended to remove “... transitioning back to an underground configuration...” from page 3, agenda item no. 6, lines 6-7; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 492 - Gravel Pit Solar Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 120-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on eight parcels generally located to the east and west of the Amtrak and Connecticut Rail Line, south of Apothecaries Hall Road and north of the South Windsor town boundary in East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Motion to Reopen.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Motion to Reopen; seconded by Vice Chair Morissette. The motion passed with Mr. Syme voting no and Mr. Lynch recusing.

3. **DOCKET NO. 529 – 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 Parcel No. 65-002-1, Old Chester Road North, Haddam, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chair Katz conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Vice Chair Morissette, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch and Chair Katz in favor of approving the facility with the development and management plan conditions to include the installation of a yield point to ensure the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the host parcel and to paint the tower brown.

Chair Katz directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. **DOCKET NO. 536 – 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 78 Goshen East Street, Norfolk, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 537 – The Towers, 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 327 North Anguilla Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

6. **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. Decision.**

Vice Chair Morissette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, and additional conditions to develop and implement a Vernal Pool Protection Plan during construction, install evergreen plantings on the west side of the facility to mitigate views from New London Road, and implement an annual vegetation maintenance plan for the life of the facility; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Lynch opposed to the installation of evergreen plantings and annual vegetation maintenance plan.

7. **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. Close of Evidentiary Record.**

Mr. Carter moved to close the evidentiary record; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1659 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on the roof of the East Brook Mall located at 95 Storrs Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Vice Chair Morissette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1660 - TA Solar 335 LLC (TRITEC Americas, 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 1.90-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located on two parcels (Parcel Nos. 051-7700 and 051-7900) at 0 Hunters Mountain Road, Naugatuck, 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 Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40(c), as no later than September 24, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1661 - 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 Stamford Underground Cable Modernization Project consisting of the replacement and partial relocation of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1753 and 1792 high pressure fluid filled (HPFF) electric transmission cables with cross linked polyethylene (XLPE) electric transmission cables along approximately 5.2 miles of existing and new right-of-way between Cedar Heights Substation and Glenbrook Substation in Stamford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Hall 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 September 27, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 11 - 12

Chair Katz introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 11-12. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

11. **TS-T-MOBILE-085-250411 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 345 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-T-MOBILE-067-250416 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 768 Gilead Street, Hebron, Connecticut. Decision.**

13. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 530, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 533, Thursday, May 22, 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, May 29, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chair Katz. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Katz adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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