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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of July 24, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 24, 2025. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chair Morissette, at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Vice Chair
Chance Carter
Khristine Hall
Bill Syme

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
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 June 26, 2025.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 529 - Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

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

4. **DOCKET NO. 533 – Tarpon Towers III, 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 161 Conrad Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette in favor of approving the facility with Development and Management Plan conditions to consider the possibility of moving the tower site further into the host parcel away from the property lines at 171 Conrad Street and 134 Craig Circle and to construct a galvanized steel monopole.

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 541 – 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 132 Bass Road, Windham, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1278C – Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Medtronic Inc., third request to amend its Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of an additional customer-side 1,040-kilowatt fuel cell facility located at the Medtronic campus, 60 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a copy of the Federal Aviation Administration determination for use of a crane at the site prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1607 – Hanwha Q Cells America, 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 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at Parcel No. 95-F10-247-5 and 95-F10-247-5A, 163 State Pier Road, New London, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Motion to Reopen.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Motion to Reopen; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

Ms. Hall moved to hold a hearing; seconded by Mr. Carter. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, Vice Chair Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms.

Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

9. **PETITION NO. 1658 - VFS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of an 850-kilowatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at the University of Connecticut Depot Campus, 44 Weaver Road, Storrs (Mansfield), Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1670 – 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 wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on the roof of the Madison Towers building located at 111 Park Street, New Haven, Connecticut. 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 October 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1671 – TRITEC Energy Development, 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-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 95 Old Colchester Road, Salem, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 December 3, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 535, Thursday, July 31, 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, August 7, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 536, Thursday, August 14, 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, August 21, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 537, Thursday, August 28, 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 Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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