



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting of August 21, 2025**

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 21, 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

(Mr. Syme was absent for Item Nos. 1 – 4)

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

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(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Dr. Scott C. Williams

#### **Council Member Absent:**

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

#### **Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman

Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst 2

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Siting Analyst 1

Christina Walsh

Supervising Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst 2

Adam Morrone

Siting Analyst 1

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

#### **Introduction**

Vice Chair Morissette welcomed Dr. Scott Williams to the Connecticut Siting Council.

#### **1. Minutes of August 7, 2025.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Dr. Williams abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 531 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 543 – 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 17 Warren Road, Washington (New Preston), Connecticut. Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1627R – LSE Libra LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 410 Denslow Hill Road, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Court-ordered Remand Regarding Connecticut Siting Council's August 2 2024 Final Decision pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-183(j).**

Mr. Golembiewski voted to deny issuance of a declaratory ruling; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Dr. Williams abstaining.

5. **PETITION NO. 1656 - 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 South Naugatuck Substation to Beacon Falls Junction Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 4 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1142, 1319, 1580, and 1808 Lines between South Naugatuck Substation and Beacon Falls Substation traversing the municipalities of Naugatuck, Beacon Falls, and Oxford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the first sentence of the first paragraph under “Cost -Conductor Alternatives” on page 5 of the staff report to *“The proposed 1,590-kcmil ACSS conductor would match the standard conductor size/type in the Devon-Towantic-South Naugatuck Corridor. It has a higher cost on a per foot (\$8.29 per foot) basis than the 795-kcmil ACSS conductor and a lower cost on a per foot basis than the 2,156-kcmil ACSS conductor. The proposed 1,590-kcmil ACSS conductor is a slightly heavier conductor than 795, 954 and 1272-kcmil ACSS conductor alternatives, which results in less insulator swing on structures and*

*more clearance to the edge of ROW and adjacent circuits. First costs are lower than the conductor alternatives. The life cycle cost for the proposed Project with 1,590-kcmil ACSS conductor is \$55.9M.”, and the additional condition to submit a final Wetlands and Vernal Pool Protection Plan prior to the commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.*

6. **PETITION NO. 1663 – VFS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 920-kilowatt fuel cell facility collocated with a 1.99-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at the Quinnipiac University York Hill Campus, 305 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the third sentence of the second paragraph under “BESF” on page 6 of the staff report to replace “25.2 MWh” with “7.0 MWh,”; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1664 – VFS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 920-kilowatt fuel cell facility collocated with a 1.99-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at the Quinnipiac University North Haven Campus, 370 Bassett Road, North Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the third sentence of the second paragraph under “BESF” on page 6 of the staff report to replace “25.2 MWh” with “7.0 MWh,” and the additional condition to install evergreen landscape plantings along the west and northwest perimeter of the site to mitigate views of the facility from Bradley Street; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1666 – VFS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 2.76-megawatt fuel cell facility collocated with a 1.99-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at the Quinnipiac University Mount Carmel Campus, 275 Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the third sentence of the second paragraph under “BESF” on page 6 of the staff report to replace “25.2 MWh” with “7.0 MWh,” seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1668 – Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 3.9-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment located at 35 North Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. HyAxiom, Inc. Motion to Dismiss and/or Deny Petition.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Motion to Dismiss and reject the petition as incomplete, because it is premature for the Council to review this petition due to the existence of a valid Council-issued Declaratory Ruling for a fuel cell facility at the 35 North Main Street site in Ansonia and to allow JCI to correct the deficiency, submit a request for an extension of time to correct the deficiency or withdraw Petition No. 1668 no later than September 25, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1677 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and installation of associated equipment located at 323 Route 81, Killingworth, 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 December 11, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1678 – 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 West Devon Junction to Devon Substation Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 2.17 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1483, 1545, 1580 and 1590 Lines right-of-way and approximately 0.17 miles of its existing 115-kV 1710 and 1730 Lines located on Eversource-owned property on each side of the Housatonic River Crossing between West Devon Junction in Stratford and Devon Substation in Milford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Syme 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 January 10, 2026; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PETITION NO. 1679 – 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 Scovill Rock Switching Station to East of Hurd State Park Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 2.4 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1772 Line and 345-kV 376 and 362 Lines shared right-of-way and associated Connecticut River Crossing between Scovill Rock Switching Station in**

**Middletown and Structure 19098 in Haddam traversing the municipalities of Middletown, East Hampton, and Haddam, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski 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 January 11, 2026; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 13**

**13. TS-T-MOBILE-025-250728 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 705 West Johnson Avenue, Cheshire, Connecticut. Decision.**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 13. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

**14. Administrative Matters**

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

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, September 4, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 535, Tuesday, September 9, 2025, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 538, Thursday, September 11, 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, September 18, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 539, Thursday, September 25, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Executive Director Bachman announced that the Council's Clerk Typist position has been refilled as of October 3, 2025.

**Adjournment.**

Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:55 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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