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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 4, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 4, 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
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Dr. Scott C. Williams

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifenyichukwu 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 August 21, 2025.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of August 21, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Syme and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 492A – 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 inter-connection. Reopening of this Certificate based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Requests Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Carter moved to grant Intervenor status to East Windsor Residents for Responsible Solar; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant Intervenor status to Nicole Paradise; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Carter moved to grant Party status to Julia Riordan; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

3. **DOCKET NO. 516R – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut. Court-ordered Remand Regarding Connecticut Siting Council’s February 15, 2024 Final Decision pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-183(j). Draft Remand Findings of Fact.**

Dr. Williams stated that he read the record for this proceeding and confirmed his acquaintance with the issues raised and the evidence and arguments presented during the proceedings held on this application.

After reviewing the Draft Remand Findings of Fact, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Golembiewski voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1; Mr. Nguyen voting no based on an insufficient record; Ms. Hall voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1 based on the public need for the Project balanced with cost, energy policies, public safety, cultural and environmental aspects; Mr. Carter voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1 based on the public need for the Project balanced with cost, energy policies, public safety, cultural and environmental aspects; Mr. Syme voting no based on concerns raised in the record;

Dr. Williams voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1 based on the Project location in an existing transportation corridor and minimal environmental impacts associated with development of the Project; Mr. Lynch voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1; and Vice Chair Morrisette voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1 based on the public need for the Project and the Project is the least cost alternative, with the condition to include plans to implement the Electric and Magnetic Field (EMF) Mitigation Option for 79 Unquowa Place, Fairfield in Condition No. 2w of the Council's February 15, 2024 Decision and Order.

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

4. **DOCKET NO. 524 – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.625-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Fawn Meadow Lane (Parcel No. 029-018D), Woodbury, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 534 – 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 90 Woodstock Avenue West (Route 171), Woodstock, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, as amended, Vice Chair Morisette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Dr. Williams, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morisette in favor of approving the facility with the Development and Management Plan conditions to submit a landscaping plan that includes plantings along the northern and western side of the equipment compound to mitigate views of the facility from Route 171 with a vegetative maintenance plan to be implemented for the life of the facility; and to submit a Resource Protection Plan that includes implementation of protective measures for wetlands, vernal pools and protected turtle species.

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1395B – Windham Solar LLC request to amend its Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of one 1.0-megawatt (MW) and one 0.99 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities located at 31 Benz Street and an additional 1.0-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an abutting parcel located at 135 Hill Street, Ansonia, 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 January 12, 2026; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **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 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. Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 6 on page 15 of the staff report to include, “...*as coordinated with the City of Stamford*”; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski abstaining.

8. **PETITION NO. 1681 – Jefferson Solar LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.0-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 121 West Pond Road (Parcel No. 27A-14) and 2185 Maple Road (Parcel No. 33-31-1), North Branford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Lynch 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 19, 2026; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1682 – VCP Groton LF, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at the former Groton Landfill, 685 Flanders Road, Groton, 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 January 21, 2026; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1683 – Greenskies Clean Energy LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.75-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located on one parcel (Parcel No. 079-015) northwest of the intersection of Quassapaug Road and Artillery Road, Woodbury, 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 January 21, 2026; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1684 – Greenskies Clean Energy LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.625-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located on two parcels (Parcel Nos. 21-19-29 and 21-19-2) off Gager Hill Road, Scotland, 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 January 21, 2026; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 12 - 16

12. **TS-T-MOBILE-016-250804 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 111 Second Hill Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-T-MOBILE-014-250804 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-T-MOBILE-086-250807 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1334 Route 85, Montville, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-T-MOBILE-088-250807 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Decision.**

16. TS-T-MOBILE-116-250807 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 165 Elmwood Hill Road, Putnam, Connecticut. Decision.

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 12 - 16. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

17. Administrative Matters

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

- 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

Adjournment.

Ms. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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