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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 18, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 18, 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
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst 1

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst 2
Adam Morrone
Siting Analyst 1

Recording Secretary:

Dakota LaFountain

1. Minutes of September 4, 2025.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Minutes of September 4, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

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 for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Carter moved to grant Party status to Paula Stolinias; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Intervenor status to Julie Traczyk; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Carter moved to grant Intervenor status to Amanda Berube; 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, Draft Remand Opinion, and Draft Remand Decision and Order, Draft Remand Conclusions of Law.**

Due to receipt of a September 17, 2025 joint request from parties and intervenors, Town of Fairfield, City of Bridgeport and SCNET Group to remove the vote on the final decision from this meeting agenda, Mr. Golembiewski moved to table the vote on the final decision until the regular Council meeting scheduled for October 16, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 530 – 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 196 East Haddam-Colchester Turnpike, East Haddam, 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, Dr. Williams and Vice Chair Morissette voting in favor of the facility at the alternative tower location with the Development and Management Plan conditions to install a yield point to ensure the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the host parcel and submit a maintenance plan for the

wetland buffer that is to be implemented for the life of the facility; and Mr. Lynch in favor of the facility at the alternative tower location without the Development and Management Plan conditions.

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

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, 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, Dr. Williams, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

6. **DOCKET NO. 538 – 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 1022 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon, Connecticut. Request for Party Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant Party status to Philip Griffin and Lesley Varszegi and group them, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50n(c), on the basis of common interests; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1607A – 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 Nos. 95-F10-247-5 and 95-F10-247-5A, 163 State Pier Road, New London, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Reopening of this Declaratory Ruling based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4- 181a(b). Motion to Amend Petition No. 1607 Protective Order to include Responses to Interrogatory Nos. 5-7. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant the motion to amend the April 12, 2024 Protective Order to include Responses to Council Interrogatories Nos. 5, 6 and 7 related to the disclosure of financial terms contained within the lease agreement and disclosure of project costs, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b); seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

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 26, 2026; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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 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. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion failed with Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams and Mr. Lynch voting to deny this petition due to substantial adverse environmental effects associated with the total acreage of tree clearing within early successional habitat that is required to develop the proposed facility.

9. **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 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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1685 – Willington Solar One, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Parcel No. 046-004-00, Lohse Road, Willington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 31, 2026; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1686 – 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 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 54 South Street, Morris, 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 February 8, 2026; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 12

12. TS-T-MOBILE-022-250819 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 46 Cemetery Road, Canterbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 12. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

13. Administrative Matters

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

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, October 2, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 492A, Thursday, October 9, 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, October 16, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 540, Thursday, October 23, 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, October 30, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Ms. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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