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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of November 13, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 13, 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 Elect Wiehl)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Member Absent:

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 October 30, 2025.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of October 30, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **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. 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.

3. **DOCKET NO. 542 – 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 Parcel No. 151-1-1, Pequotsepos Road, Stonington (Mystic), Connecticut. Request for Party/CEPA Intervenor Status.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Request for Party and CEPA Intervenor status to the Town of Stonington; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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. Request for Party Status. Request for CEPA Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant Party status to the Town of Washington; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Party status to the Town of Warren; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant CEPA Intervenor status to the Steep Rock Association, Inc.; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor status to the Washington Montessori Association, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **DOCKET NO. 545 – 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 306 Flanders Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

6. **DOCKET NO. 546 - Crown Castle Towers 06-2 LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T 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 70 Universal Drive, North Haven, 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 unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1164A – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request to amend its declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for modifications to an existing small wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment located on the roof of the Mystic Aquarium building located at 55 Coogan Boulevard, Stonington (Mystic), Connecticut. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this amended declaratory ruling with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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). Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this reopened petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the third sentence of the first paragraph under “Community Outreach” on page 2 of the staff report to replace “solar electric generating facility” with “BESF”; amending the first sentence of the second paragraph under “Community Outreach on page 3 of the staff report to include, “On July 5, 2023 the City submitted comments to the Council in support of Petition 1607”; and with the additional condition to consider an electrical interconnection design that crosses Crystal Avenue at riser pole #4 rather than parallel to Crystal Avenue and submit the final Eversource-approved electrical interconnection design that includes reasons why an electrical interconnection design that crosses Crystal Avenue is not feasible, if applicable; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1645A – VCP Mansfield LF, LLC d/b/a Verogy request to amend its Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at the former Mansfield Landfill, 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this amended declaratory ruling with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1672 – 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 Portland Substation to Hopewell Substation Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 9.14 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1759 Line right-of-way between Portland Substation in Portland and Hopewell Substation in Glastonbury, 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; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

11. **PETITION NO. 1692 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) and Marcus Communications, LLC (Marcus) joint petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the extension and modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and installation of associated telecommunications equipment located at 33 Mitchell Drive, Manchester, 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 March 5, 2026; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

12. **PETITION NO. 1693 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless facility on a new Eversource-owned utility pole that is less than 50 feet in height and is not used principally for electric distribution service, and associated equipment within the public right of way adjacent to 18 Highland Street, New Britain, 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 the Third Report and Order of the Federal Communications Commission, Section 4-176(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than January 14, 2026; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 13

13. **TS-VER-106-251022 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 430 Middlesex Turnpike, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

14. Administrative Matters

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). Petition for Reconsideration.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to add this item to the agenda; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion was withdrawn.

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

- Docket No. 492A, Tuesday, November 18, 2025, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 542, Thursday, November 20, 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, December 11, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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