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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 19, 2026

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026. 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
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Bill Syme

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

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst 1
Dakota LaFountain
Office Assistant

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Dr. Williams abstaining and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

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). 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, Dr. Williams, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility expansion with the Development and Management Plan conditions to reduce or eliminate Array Area # 2 (Martin/Maslak Parcel Nos. 028-65-027B and 038-65-02) by considering the use of higher wattage solar panels on a smaller footprint due to the level of development that is within the Critical Terrestrial Habitat of a vernal pool; limit construction of Array Area #3 (Mulnite Parcel Nos. 038-68-030, 029-68-010 and 029-68-011) within the boundaries of the Council-approved facility sites in accordance with the Declaratory Rulings for Petition Nos. 1422 and 1463 (Mulnite Parcel Nos. 038-68-030 and 029-68-010); and submit a final landscaping and maintenance plan that is to be implemented for the life of the facility; and with additional conditions to conduct a post-construction operational noise study that documents compliance with state standards and if necessary, the identification of any noise mitigation measures that are employed to adhere to the standards; and provide emergency response training early in the operation phase of the facility expansion that includes an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment and adequate water supplies for any fire issues at the expanded facility site; and Mr. Syme and Mr. Lynch recusing.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the facility expansion to be reviewed at the next meeting.

- 3. 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. 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, Dr. Williams, Mr. Syme, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility, and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

- 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. Joint Motion for Balloon Float.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to deny the Joint Motion for Balloon Float on the basis that a balloon float is not required under Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50p and the Visual Assessment in the application was developed to evaluate the visibility of the tower within a two-mile radius of the proposed facility site; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

5. DOCKET NO. 548 – 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 38 and 42A Hidden Brook Drive, Brookfield, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Party status to the Town of Brookfield; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor status to Electromagnetic Technologies Industries, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor status to Lake Lillinonah Shores Condo Association #2; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

6. 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. Decision.

Mr. Syme moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

7. PETITION NO. 1696 – Terryville Solar One, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 270 Preston Road, Plymouth, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Party status to the Town of Plymouth; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

8. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 543, Tuesday, February 24, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

- Docket No. 542, Thursday, February 26, 2026, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing. **This public hearing was canceled.**
- Docket No. 545, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 5, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1694, Thursday, March 12, 2026, **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, March 19, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 547, Thursday, March 26, 2026, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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