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**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of March 5, 2026**

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 5, 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.

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

**Council Member Absent:**

Bill Syme

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst 2  
Ifenyichukwu 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 19, 2026.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2026; 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). Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch is recused from this item.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, draft Opinion, and draft Decision and Order to issue a Modified Certificate, Vice Chair Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Mr. Lynch recusing. The facility expansion was approved.

3. **DOCKET NO. 535 - The Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 835 Norwich Worcester Turnpike (Route 169), Woodstock, Connecticut. Nayden Petition for Reconsideration.**

Ms. Hall moved to deny the Petition for Reconsideration; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 539 – 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 424 Storrs Road, Mansfield, 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, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility with the Development and Management Plan conditions to implement the DEEP-recommended Resource Protection Program for state-listed species and submit the results of consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office; and Mr. Lynch voting no.

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

5. **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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, draft Opinion, and draft Decision and Order to issue a Certificate, Vice Chair Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion and Decision and Order. The application was approved.

6. **DOCKET NO. 549 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (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 on a town-owned parcel located at 36 Main Street South, Bethlehem, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1638 – LSE Sextans LLC and LSE Sextans II LLC (Lodestar Energy) Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Parcel Nos. 221-3-1 and 222-4-26, Lovers Lane, Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1676 – Homestead Fuel Cell 1, LLC 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 7.5-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment located at 235 Brainard Road, Hartford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Ms. Hall and Mr. Carter recusing.

9. **PETITION NO. 1690 – 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 Haddam Substation to East Haddam Junction Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 1.5 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1772 Line and 345-kV 348 Line shared right-of-way and associated Connecticut River Crossing between Haddam Substation in Haddam and East Haddam Junction in East Haddam, 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 and the addition of a footnote relative to the existing capability of the 1772 Line to be energized at 345-kV; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 10. Administrative Matters

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

- 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 conferencing.
- Petition No. 1696, Tuesday, March 31, 2026, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

#### Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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