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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 19, 2026

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

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

Council Member Absent:

Bill Syme

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifeyanichukwu 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 March 5, 2026.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2026; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **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, 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 Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Mr. Lynch voting no. The application was approved.

3. **DOCKET NO. 540 – 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 68 Danbury Road, New Milford, 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 Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility.

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. 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. 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 Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility with the Decision and Order condition to construct the tower to a height of 126 feet above ground level and with the Development and Management Plan condition to submit results of discussion with Southern Connecticut Gas regarding the use of natural gas as a fuel source for any emergency backup power generators at the facility site.

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. 550 – Brookfield Husky Solar, LLC d/b/a Verogy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 50-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment on**

9 parcels generally located east and west of Sterling Road (Route 14) along the Plainfield municipal boundary in Sterling, Connecticut; north of Sterling Hill Road along the Sterling municipal boundary and west of the intersection of Sugar Brook Road and Black Hill Road (Route 14) in Plainfield, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

6. **PETITION NO. 1688 – 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 1.2-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 81 and 93 Lake Street, Manchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility with the Development and Management Plan conditions to consult with the Manchester Fire Departments to ensure adequate water supplies for any fire issues at the facility site are available; submit an Eastern Box Turtle Protection Plan; and submit a Spill Prevention Control Plan that is consistent with the Department of Public Health recommendations; and with the Decision and Order conditions to submit a copy of the final Emergency Response Plan to emergency responders prior to commencement of operation, and provide emergency response training that includes an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment; and submit a post-construction operational noise study that documents compliance with state standards and the identification of any noise mitigation measures that are employed to adhere to the standards; and Mr. Lynch recusing.

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1702 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the 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 272 Talmadge Hill Road, New Canaan, 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 May 3, 2026; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1703 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and installation of associated telecommunications equipment located at 401 Chapel Hill Road in Montville, 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 Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than July 4, 2026; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 9

9. **TS-VER-121-260218 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 343R Old Colchester Road, Salem, Connecticut. Decision.**

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 9. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

10. Administrative Matters

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

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 2, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1694, Tuesday, April 7, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 548, Thursday, April 9, 2026, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 543, Tuesday, April 14, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1698, Thursday, April 23, 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, April 30, 2026, beginning at **1:00 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 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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