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DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 2, 2026

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 2, 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
Bill Syme
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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

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 19, 2026.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2026; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Syme abstaining.

- 2. 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, 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, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order. The application was approved.

- 3. 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. Request to Reopen Evidentiary Record to Allow for Submission of Wireless Solutions/Ancient Highway Towers, LLC New Information**

The Request to Reopen the Evidentiary Record was rendered moot by withdrawal.

- 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, 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, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order. The application was approved.

- 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 Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor Status.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor status to Paska Nayden; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor status to Elaine Simoes; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1695 – LSE Phobos LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.05-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 166 South Street, Morris, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended, and the additional conditions to submit an annual vegetation maintenance plan to be implemented for the life of the facility and consult with Eversource Energy to determine the feasibility of installing the customer-side distribution poles farther into the facility site; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1699 – SMS CT MG02A, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.93-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at Guilford High School, 605 New England Road, Guilford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending page 5 of the staff report to include reference to the state noise standards; and the additional conditions to consider shifting the facility site an additional 10 feet or more from publicly accessible areas, if feasible, and installation of additional plantings, if necessary; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Dr. Williams recusing.

9. **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. Decision.**

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

10. **PETITION NO. 1704 – TRITEC Energy Development, 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 40 Old Colchester Road, Salem, 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 Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than August 16, 2026; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1705 – T-Mobile Northeast LLC (T-Mobile) 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 equipment located at 111 Upper Fish Rock Road, Southbury, 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 August 1, 2026; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 12 - 14

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 12-14. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

12. **TS-VER-039-260306 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 97 Chaplin Road, Eastford, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-VER-061-260306 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 270 Hubbard Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-VER-137-260311 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 72 Jerry Browne Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **Administrative Matters.**

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

- 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.

Ms. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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