

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 19, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 19, 2018, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Michael Harder
Michael W. Klemens
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque (arrived at 1:08 p.m.)
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Robert Silvestri

Council Members Absent:

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman

Edward Edelson

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of June 21, 2018.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2018; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 475 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located adjacent to the maintenance building at the Skungamaug Golf Course, south of Folly Lane, Coventry, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 481 - 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 located at 667, 665, 663 and 663R Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Levesque arrived during the draft Findings of Fact review.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, approving the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Levesque abstaining.

4. **PETITION NO. 1150 - Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 3.1 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located on Brush Hill Road in Bozrah, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**
5. **PETITION NO. 1181 - Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 4.93 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 9 Stott Avenue & 292 Plain Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**
6. **PETITION NO. 1192 - Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 2.74 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located on two City of Norwich-owned parcels on Rogers Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Dr. Klemens moved to take up items 4, 5, and 6 simultaneously and to collectively approve the motions for protective orders for Petition Nos. 1150, 1181, and 1192; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1344 - 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 proposed replacement of approximately 11 miles of its existing No. 1342 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing Green Hill Substation located at 775 Green Hill Road in Madison and the existing Bokum Substation located at 49 Bokum Road in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, traversing Madison, Killingworth, Clinton, Westbrook, Essex and Old Saybrook, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report and with the recommendation that Eversource take precautions with regard to the replacement of existing Structure No. 4900 in Old Saybrook, including, but not limited to, cutting the base of the existing structure six inches above grade, due to the potential presence of an unlisted snake species den at the base of the existing structure; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1346 - 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 proposed replacement and relocation of an existing telecommunications facility and an existing relay and control enclosure located at Manchester Substation, 250 Olcott Street, Manchester, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **TS-T-MOBILE-042-180611 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 94 East High Street, East Hampton, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **TS-T-MOBILE-029-180227- T-Mobile request to amend an order for tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 382 Colebrook River Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the request to amend for discussion purposes; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. After discussion, Mr. Lynch moved to table this item until further information is received; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

11. TS-EVER-032-180613 - Eversource Energy request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 400 Riley Mountain Road, Coventry, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request with the following condition:

- that Eversource adheres to Spotted Turtle Protection Measures listed in the October 23, 2017 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection letter in the Tower Share request.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hannon, and passed unanimously.

12. TS-T-MOBILE-069-180301 - T-Mobile request to amend an order for tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1375 North Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Lynch moved to table this item until further information is received; seconded by Mr. Silvestri.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Administrative Matters.

- **PETITION NO. 1347 – GRE GACRUX LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. Request for Party Status.**

Mr. Hannon moved to add this item to the agenda; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant Party status to the Town of Waterford; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Docket No. 483, Tuesday, July 24, 2018, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, August 2, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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