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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of November 8, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 8, 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 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Edward Edelson

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Robert Silvestri

Council Members Absent:

Michael Harder

Michael W. Klemens

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Ifenyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of October 25, 2018

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 2018; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 461A - Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. 115-kV Double Circuit Underground Transmission Lines Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to table the partial Development and Management Plan for the 115-kV Double Circuit Underground Transmission Lines; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 480 - SectorSite LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility on town-owned property behind the Southwest Fire Station located at 2 Westwoods Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining and Mr. Levesque and Mr. Hannon recusing.

4. **DOCKET NO. 484 - 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 at one of three locations at 72 Ragged Hill Road, Pomfret, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order for a telecommunications facility at proposed Site C; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

5. **DOCKET NO. F-2017/2018 - Connecticut Siting Council 2018 Ten Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Draft Report.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Draft Report, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50r (a); seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1323 - Windham Solar LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of three 2.0 Megawatt AC and two 1.0 Megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities on an approximate 43 acre parcel located at 134 Bilton Road, Somers, Connecticut. Partial Development and Management Plan – Site Clearing Request.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

7. **TS-T-MOBILE-017-181015 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1214 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- Prior to T-Mobile's antenna installation, the new platform mount and attachments shall be installed in accordance with the Antenna Mount Structural Analysis prepared by Proterra Design Group, dated September 5, 2018 and stamped and signed by Gregory Durgin;
- Within 45 days following completion of equipment installations, T-Mobile shall provide documentation that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Antenna Mount Structural Analysis; and
- Approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edelson and passed unanimously.

8. **TS-VER-077-180405 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request to amend an order for tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 33 Mitchell Drive, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this tower share amendment request with the condition that approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 Biennium Budget.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 budget and send it to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar event was discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, December 6, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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