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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 17, 2019

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Acting Chairman Murphy at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Acting Chairman
Robert Silvestri
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Michael W. Klemens
Edward Edelson

Council Members Absent:

Larry Levesque
(designee for Acting Chairman Betkoski)

Michael Harder

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Mathews

1. Minutes of December 6, 2018.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2018; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

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.**

Dr. Klemens moved to take this item off the table, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan for the 115-kV Double Circuit Underground Transmission Lines portion of the Greenwich Substation and Line Project; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 471 - 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 at Hamden Tax Assessor's Map 2826, Block 24, 208 Kirk Road (a/k/a 1075 Paradise Avenue), Hamden, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

4. **DOCKET NO. 478 - Eco-Site, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 63 Woodland Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with a monopole tower design; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed, with Mr. Edelson voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1354 - Chatfield Solar Fund, 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 1.98-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 25 acres located generally south of Route 80 (North Branford Road) and east of Chestnut Hill Road in Killingworth, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Green Hill Substation located at 775 Green Hill Road, Madison, Connecticut. Schedule.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the schedule for processing this petition; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1357 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed modifications to an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 1052 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than May 15, 2019; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **TS-DISH-166-181126 - Gamma Purchasing L.L.C. (Dish) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1233 Wolcott Road, Wolcott, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Prior to Dish's antenna installation, the tower modifications shall be installed in accordance with the tower modification design by AllPro Consulting Group Inc., ACGI#17-0832 Rev.2 dated July 14, 2017, as referenced in the Tower Structural Analysis Report prepared by AllPro Consulting Group, dated August 22, 2018 and signed and stamped by Joji M. George;
- Within 45 days following completion of equipment installations, Dish shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Tower Structural Analysis Report; and
- Approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff.

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

8. **TS-T-MOBILE-097-181228 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 24 Dinglebrook Lane, Newtown, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Prior to T-Mobile's antenna installation, the tower modifications shall be installed in accordance with the Tower Modification Drawings as shown in Appendix D of the Structural Modification Report prepared by FDH Infrastructure Services, LLC, dated September 18, 2018 and stamped and signed by Dennis D. Abel;
- Within 45 days following completion of equipment installations, T-Mobile shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Modification Report; and
- Approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Klemens and passed unanimously.

9. **Administrative Matters.**

PETITION NO. 1352 – Nutmeg Solar, 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 19.6-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 162 acres comprised of 9 separate parcels located generally south of Bailey Road and east of Route 191 (Broad Brook Road), and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy’s Scitico Substation at 20 Bailey Road in Enfield, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.

Dr. Klemens moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant the motion for protective order, seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

PETITION NO. 1358 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on a new approximately 34-foot Eversource-owned utility pole that is not used principally for electric distribution service located in a public right-of-way adjacent to 53 Goodwives River Road, Darien, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Silvestri moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvestri moved to set the date by which to render a decision as no later than March 6, 2019, seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing Session for Petition No. 1352, Thursday, January 24, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, January 31, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELLED**
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, February 14, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

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Adjournment.

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

Acting Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Acting Chairman

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