



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 6, 2019

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 6, 2019, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer Robert Silvestri at 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Silvestri
Presiding Officer
Michael Harder
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Council Member Absent:

Edward Edelson

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

Moment of Silence and Recognition of Service

Mr. Lynch led the Council in a moment of silence for Attorney Anthony Fitzgerald who recently passed away and regularly appeared before the Council.

In honor of D-Day, Mr. Lynch also recognized the military veterans for their bravery and service.

1. Minutes of May 23, 2019.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2019; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 470B - NTE Connecticut, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Reopening of this application based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Harder voting no.

3. **PETITION NO. 1312 - Candlewood Solar LLC Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut. Court-ordered remand regarding visibility. Draft Findings of Fact. Draft Opinion.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Draft Revised Findings of Fact and Opinion per the court-ordered remand regarding visibility, as amended; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1369 - Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 440-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the City of Bristol Water Pollution Control Facility, 75 Battisto Road, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1370 – The United Illuminating Company (UI) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for replacement of its existing No. 1720 Line Relay in order to comply with the Northeast Power Coordinating Council's Implementation Plan on the ISO New England, Inc. Bulk Power System between Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut and UP's Hawthorne Substation located at 180 Hawthorne Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut and related substation improvements. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1371 – 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 667 Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 6.1 miles of its existing No. 667 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Falls Village Substation in Falls Village (Canaan) and Salisbury Substation in Salisbury, Connecticut, traversing Canaan, Sharon and Salisbury, and related substation and electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and the additional condition that the existing lattice structure concrete footings that are located in wetlands be left in place; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **TS-CING-072-190430 – New Cingular Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 581 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar date was discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, July 18, 2019, 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. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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