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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of July 18, 2019

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 18, 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 1:00 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
Ifeyanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of June 6, 2019.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2019; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 385 - American Towers LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 23 Stonybrook Road, Stratford, Connecticut. AT&T Motion to Reopen and Modify the Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to reopen the matter without a hearing to remove the portion of Condition No. 1 of the Decision and Order that required panel antennas to be installed in an exterior, flush mount configuration; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council also discussed the probability of receiving more requests to reopen and modify Decision and Orders to remove conditions related to specific antenna configurations.

3. DOCKET NO. 391 - American Towers LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located 232 Shore Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. AT&T Motion to Reopen and Modify the Decision and Order.

Mr. Lynch moved to reopen the matter without a hearing to remove the portion of Condition No. 1 of the Decision and Order that required wireless antennas to be attached to the tower using T-arm mounts; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council also discussed the probability of receiving more requests to reopen and modify Decision and Orders to remove conditions related to specific antenna configurations.

4. DOCKET NO. 485 - MCM Holdings, LLC and Celco 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 two sites: 1542 Boston Post Road or at the end of Kirtland Street, Westbrook, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Levesque, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Silvestri unanimously in favor of proposed Site A (1542 Boston Post Road).

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. DOCKET NO. 470B - NTE Connecticut, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 650-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Connecticut Fund for the Environment, Not Another Power Plant, and Sierra Club Joint Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification.

Mr. Lynch moved to deny the Joint Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1220 - 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 and one 1.0 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facilities located at 1219 and 1240 Voluntown Road, Griswold, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1234 - DG Connecticut Solar, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.8 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at Becton, Dickinson & Company, 7 Grace Way, North Canaan, Connecticut. Request for Amendment.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Request for Amendment with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1342 - GRE GACRUX LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.98-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 232 Rimmon Road and 700 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon voting no.

9. **PETITION NO. 1372 - Derby Fuel Cell, 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 14.0-megawatt fuel cell facility, associated equipment and related site improvements to be located at 200 Roosevelt Drive, Derby, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the motion for protective order; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, an additional condition that the petitioner submit a Development and Management Plan for this project and a recommendation that the Emergency Response Plan include the spill response contractor contact information; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **TS-DISH-086-190524 - Gamma Purchasing LLC (Dish) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1334 Route 85, Montville, 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.

11. **TS-DISH-162-190626 - Dish Network Northeast, LLC (Dish) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 428 Platt Hill Road, Winsted (a/k/a Winchester) 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. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, August 1, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED**
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, August 15, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, August 29, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED**

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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