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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 12, 2019

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 12, 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
Edward Edelson
Michael Harder
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Zachary Alexander
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Ifeanychukwu Nwankwo
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Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of August 15, 2019.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2019, as amended; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **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. Development and Management Plan - Phase I.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan with the exception of "Appendix D – Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan" that must be revised to comply with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and resubmitted to the Council for

review and approval, and with the recommendations that NTE make arrangements to obtain pre-blasting surveys of nearby residences and that the emergency contact information for CT EPA in “Appendix H – Emergency Response Action and Fire Prevention Plan” on page 3 be changed to CT DEEP; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Harder voting no.

3. **DOCKET NO. 486 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 796 Woodin Street, Hamden, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1226 - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of the new 115-kV Towantic Switching Station to be located adjacent to the Towantic Generating Station on Woodruff Hill Road, Oxford, Connecticut and the proposed modifications within existing right-of-way to its existing 1575 and 1585 115-kV electric transmission line extending 6.1 miles from Bunker Hill Substation, located at Clough Road, Waterbury, south through Middlebury to the proposed Towantic Switching station and reconductoring of its existing 1575 115-kV electric transmission line extending one mile from the proposed new switching station south to Structure 1446 (Oxford Tap) located near the Oxford Substation, Commerce Drive, Oxford. Request for Amendment.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the request for amendment with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1376 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed electrical interconnection between its existing Scitico Substation located at 20 Bailey Road, Enfield, Connecticut and Nutmeg Solar, LLC’s 19.6 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located generally south of Bailey Road and east of Route 191 (Broad Brook Road) in Enfield, Connecticut consisting of modifications to the Scitico Substation, relocation of the existing No. 1976 electric transmission line that terminates at Scitico Substation, the construction, operation and maintenance of a new approximately 330-foot 115-kilovolt (kV) underground transmission line, and related substation and electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

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

6. **TS-SIGFOX-126-190708 - Sigfox NIP, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 14 Oxford Drive (a/k/a Booth Hill Road), Shelton, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson 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.

7. **TS-SIGFOX-069-190712 - Sigfox NIP, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1375 North Road, Dayville (Killingly), Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **TS-VER-156-190729 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 204 Burwell Road, West Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Prior to Verizon's antenna installation, the existing feed lines to the 100, 120 and 175-foot levels shall be restacked in accordance with the base level drawing shown in Appendix B of the Structural Analysis Report prepared by Paul J. Ford and Company, dated June 28, 2019 and stamped and signed by Joseph Pachicarah Jacobs; and
- Within 45 days following the completion of equipment installation, Verizon shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis Report; and
- Approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff.

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

9. **TS-CING-105-190808 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 232 Shore Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to table this item; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

10. TS-SIGFOX-008-190819 - Sigfox NIP, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 93 Old Amity Road, Bethany, Connecticut. Decision.

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

11. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 486 Thursday, September 19, 2019, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review**, a **3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session**, and a **6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Legislative Council Chambers, Memorial Town Hall, 2372 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, September 26, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED**
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, October 10, 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. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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