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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of December 5, 2019**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 5, 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)  
John Morissette

**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

**1. Minutes of November 21, 2019.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019, as amended; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. DOCKET NO. 485 - MCM Holdings, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1542 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the recommendations that silt socks be used instead of the proposed silt fencing; erosion and sediment controls along the

north side of the compound be extended west for 35 feet to the 48-foot ground elevation; and stabilization of soil stockpiles if stored longer than 30 days; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

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. 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. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Morissette and Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

4. **PETITION NO. 1278A - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Medtronic Inc., request to amend its declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed Phase II construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 2000-Kilowatt fuel cell facility to be located at 86 Middletown Road and a second Customer-Side 2000-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at 195 McDermott Road, both located at the Medtronic campus in North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the request to amend this declaratory ruling with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1310 - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.**

Mr. Edelson moved to reopen this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b); seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

Mr. Edelson moved to schedule a hearing on the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1364A - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request to amend its declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial and residential building located at 192 Main Street, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the request to amend this declaratory ruling with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1386 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunications facility at an existing Eversource-owned electric transmission line structure (#917) within an existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way located at 5 Tall Pines Drive, Weston, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Alexander moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon.

After discussion, Mr. Alexander withdrew his initial motion and moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than April 12, 2020; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1387 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 10-megawatt (MW) fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Eversource Energy's existing Judd Brook electric distribution substation, 160 Old Amston Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than April 22, 2020; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1388 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) 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 at the Old Lyme Volunteer Fire Department located at 189 Boston Post Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Alexander moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than May 3, 2020; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. TS-SIGFOX-061-191106 - Sigfox NIP, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 373 Chamberlain Hill Road, Haddam, 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. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates was discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, January 2, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Discussion was held on the challenges of assessing capacity exhaustion at wireless telecommunications sites.

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director**

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