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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 2, 2020

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 2, 2020, 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)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
John Morissette

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of December 5, 2019.

Mr. Harder moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **PETITION NO. 1310A - Quinebaug 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 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. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Request for Party Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant party status to The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1385 - Cobb Road, 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 1.95-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 11.16 acres located at 20-1 Short Hills Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional condition that the petitioner submit a Development and Management Plan for the project per Sections 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional conditions that the petitioner submit a Development and Management Plan for the project per Sections 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and provide contact information for the spill response contractor to the Council; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Harder voting no.

5. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and that the petitioner install, as necessary, sound attenuation blankets or other methods to mitigate generator noise to a level that complies with DEEP Noise Control Standards if it were not exempt; the petitioner consult with the neighbors and municipality to determine the most convenient time to perform weekly maintenance testing for the backup generator; the petitioner consult with the supplier of the containment pad to determine the maintenance replacement schedule of the petro-pipe filter; and the recommendation that the petitioner consider the feasibility of utilizing a backup generator that could connect to the existing propane tank at the site; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1389 - 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 small cell wireless telecommunications facility on an approximately 34-foot Eversource-owned replacement utility pole located outside of the public right of way at the West Bank Shopping Center, 221 Post Road West, Westport, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **TS-VER-105-191107 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 30 Short Hills Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1310A Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (snow date January 21, 2020), **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review**, a **3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session**, and a **6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Brooklyn Community Center, Main Room, 31 Tiffany Street, Brooklyn, Connecticut.

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, January 16, 2020, 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. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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