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Meeting Minutes Meeting of January 30, 2020

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 30, 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 John Morissette Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Dykes) Larry Levesque (designee for Chairman Gillett)

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of January 16, 2020.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

2. DOCKET NO. 482 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility on town-owned property behind Lyman Memorial High School located at 917 Exeter Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

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

3. PETITION NO. 1090A - Bloom Energy Corporation request to amend its declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed Phase II construction, maintenance and operation of a second customer-side 250-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Danbury Fair Mall, 7 Backus Avenue, Danbury, 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. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

4. 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. Harder moved to approve this petition with the alternate proposed propane-fueled emergency back-up generator, the conditions noted in the staff report, and the following recommendations:

- AT&T, in coordination with Eversource Energy, determine the feasibility of vegetative screening; or alternatively, AT&T work with the property owners of 40 White Birch Road for vegetative screening on the abutting property; and
- AT&T notify the abutting neighbors of the emergency back-up generator testing schedule.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Levesque and passed with Mr. Morissette voting no.

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5. Administrative Matters.

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). Eversource Energy Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Hannon moved to add this item to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The following calendar dates were discussed.

- Petition No. 1310A Tuesday, February 4, 2020, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room One
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, February 13, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED**

Adjournment.

Mr. Edelson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Morissette. 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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