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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of May 21, 2020

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020. 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.

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
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 April 23, 2020.

Mr. Harder moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2020; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 488 – Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Kent Tax Assessor ID #M10, Block 22, Lot 38 Bald Hill Road or 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. Request for Party and CEPA Intervenor Status. Motion for Site Preservation and to Prevent Spoliation of Evidence.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant Party and CEPA Intervenor status to the Town of Kent; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edelson moved to deny Bald Hill Road Neighbors' Motion for Site Preservation and to Prevent Spoliation of Evidence with the condition that the Applicant submit the full Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, with or without a motion for protective order, and have a witness available at the public hearing for cross examination on the Phase I, or unredacted portions thereof, as applicable; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1385 - Cobb Road, LLC 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. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan noting that the recommended condition in the staff report to submit a copy of the DEEP General Permit was satisfied on May 20, 2020; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1393 - Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 440-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Cherry Street Lofts, 375 Howard Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions that the petitioner submit post-construction noise measurements to ensure compliance with state and local noise control standards with the recommendation to meet the predicted 58 dBA provided in the noise assessment and in response to Council Interrogatory No. 12; the acoustic barrier also be installed on the east side of the cooling module; and with the recommendation that the petitioner work with the property owner and/or City of Bridgeport regarding screening; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1396 - CP East Hampton Solar I, LLC and CP East Hampton Solar II, 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 1.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and a 0.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 27 acre parcel located generally west of Skinner Street (Route 196) and south of Forest Street in East Hampton, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions in the staff report noting that recommended Condition No. 2 to submit the Federal Aviation Administration Determination was satisfied on May 20, 2020; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1399 – Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and 16-50k, that modifications to its existing natural gas compressor stations located in the Towns of Brookfield and Milford, Connecticut (“Enhancement by Compression Project”) are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to remove this item from the table; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to acknowledge that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over the proposed project with the recommendation in the staff report that Iroquois implement erosion and sedimentation control measures in accordance with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control*; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1400 - 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 1150-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Eastern Connecticut State University, 165 Windham Street, Windham, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and expressed disappointment that the state did not pursue a combined heat and power application in support of the Global Warming Solutions Act; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1402 - 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 350-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment located at Western Connecticut State University, 7 University Boulevard, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Morissette who expressed disappointment that the state did not pursue a combined heat and power application in support of the Global Warming Solutions Act. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **TS-VER-056-200407 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 92 Weston Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Prior to Verizon's antenna installation, the tower reinforcement and modification shall be installed in accordance with the Structural Analysis prepared by Black and Veatch Corporation, dated January 08, 2020 and stamped and signed by Joshua J. Riley;
- Verizon's antenna equipment shall be installed in accordance with the Mount Analysis prepared by Infinigy, dated December 6, 2019 and stamped and signed by John S. Stevens;
- Within 45 days following the completion of the tower reinforcement and modification, Verizon shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the Structural Analysis and the Mount Analysis; and
- Approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **TS-T-MOBILE-131-200413 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 435 Mill Street, Southington, 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.

11. **TS-DESPP-011-200416 – The State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 7 Hoskins Road, Bloomfield, 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. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Administrative Matters.

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, June 4, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, June 18, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Presiding Officer Silvestri announced that Mr. Levesque's tenure as designee for Chairman Gillett will conclude on June 1, 2020 and recognized Mr. Levesque's dedication to the Council, including, but not limited to, his expertise, insight, professionalism, and contributions.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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