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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of June 4, 2020**

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 4, 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.

Linda Guliuzza  
(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  
Ifenyichukwu Nwankwo  
Siting Analyst

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**Introduction**

Presiding Officer Silvestri welcomed Ms. Guliuzza to the Council as designee for Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Chairman Gillett.

1. **Minutes of May 21, 2020.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2020; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed with Ms. Guliuzza 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. Completeness Review, Schedule and Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 489 - The First Taxing District Water Department of Norwalk application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 173 ½ West Rocks Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule and Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1397 - Constitution 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 20-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 149 acres comprised of four separate parcels located off of Cornell Road in Plainfield, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. C.G.S. §4-176 Deadline for Action.**

Mr. Harder moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e), Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Governor Lamont's March 25, 2020 Executive Order No. 7M, as no later than December 22, 2020; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1398 - LSE Pictor, 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 104 acre parcel located off of Platt Hill Road, Winchester, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. C.G.S. §4-176 Deadline for Action.**

Mr. Harder moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e), Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Governor Lamont's March 25, 2020 Executive Order No. 7M, as no later than December 22, 2020; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1401 - Revity Energy, 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 12.25-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 74.9 acres located at 424 Snake Meadow Road, Plainfield, Connecticut and 0 Valley Road, Sterling, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Fry Brook Substation. C.G.S. §4-176 Deadline for Action.**

Mr. Harder moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e), Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Governor Lamont's March 25, 2020 Executive Order No. 7M, as no later than January 12, 2021; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1403 - 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 600-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Southern Connecticut State University, North Campus, 201 Wintergreen Avenue, New Haven, 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. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1404 - 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 1350-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Southern Connecticut State University, East Campus, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and Mr. Morissette 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. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **TS-T-MOBILE-154-200513 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1542 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

10. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, June 18, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** – **CANCELLED**
- Petition No. 1347A Thursday, June 25, 2020, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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