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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 13, 2020

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 13, 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
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of July 16, 2020.

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Minutes of July 16, 2020; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 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. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action.

Mr. Edelson 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.

3. **PETITION NO. 1407 - Torrington Solar One LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 66.4 acre parcel located generally south of East Pearl Road and east of Torrington Street (Route 183) in Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that the Petitioner submit the total estimated cost of the project to the Council; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1408 – FairWindCT, Inc., et al petition, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176, for a declaratory ruling that: (a) the January 9, 2020 Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan) Modification submitted by BNE Energy, Inc. in Petition No. 983 conflicts with the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) June 2, 2011 final decision on Petition No. 983; (b) the Council did not have jurisdiction over the D&M Plan Modification; (c) the Council did not have statutory authority to approve the D&M Plan Modification; (d) the D&M Plan Modification violated due process rights; and (e) the D&M Plan Modification violates the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act. Request for Party Status.**

Mr. Hannon moved to grant Party status to the Town of Colebrook; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

5. **PETITION NO. 1409 - 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 a new approximately 30-foot privately-owned light pole to be located at the western edge of the parking lot at 880 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1410 - Greenskies Clean 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on two parcels at the Elmridge Golf Course located to the east and west of North Anguilla Road at the intersection with Elmridge Road, Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party and CEPA Intervenor Status. Requests for Public Hearing.**

Mr. Hannon moved to grant Party and CEPA Intervenor status to Proponents for Responsible Emplacement of Stonington Solar (PRESS); seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harder moved to schedule a hearing on the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson voting no.

7. **PETITION NO. 1411 – 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 the roof of an existing commercial building located at 132 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and the additional conditions that the Petitioner submit a screening/concealment plan for the canister antenna to the Council for approval prior to construction and contact the Bethel Fire Marshal with regard to the availability of FirstNet services; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1413 – 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 a new approximately 30-foot privately-owned light pole to be located at the southeast edge of the parking lot at 242 Hope Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. **TS-DRW-054-200626 - DRW NX request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Birch Mountain Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff;
- Prior to DRW NX's dish installation, the tower modifications shall be installed in accordance with the Structural Analysis prepared by Crown Castle, dated June 5, 2020 and stamped and signed by Maham Barimani; and

- Within 45 days following completion of equipment installation, DRW NX shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edelson and passed unanimously.

10. TS-DRW-169-200626 - DRW NX request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 215 Coatney Hill Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. Decision.

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

11. TS-DRW-144-200629 - DRW NX (DRW) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 800 Booth Hill Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.

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

- Approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff;
- Prior to DRW NX's dish installation, the non-carrier equipment shall be removed in accordance with the Structural Analysis prepared by Tower Engineering Professionals, dated June 11, 2020 and stamped and signed by Aaron Thomas Rucker; and
- Within 45 days following completion of equipment installation, DRW NX shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edelson and passed with Ms. Guliuzza recusing.

12. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1347A, Tuesday, August 25, 2020, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, August 27, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman

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Executive Director**

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