



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 10, 2020

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer Robert Silvestri at 1:08 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

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of August 27, 2020.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Minutes of August 27, 2020; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 487 – 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 183 Soundview Lane, New Canaan, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Silvestri in

favor of this project; Mr. Harder voting no; and Ms. Guliuzza and Mr. Lynch abstaining from the straw poll.

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. **PETITION NO. 1418 - 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 customer-side 150-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Home Depot, 1816 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1419 - 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 customer-side 150-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Home Depot, 114 Federal Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1424 - Southington Solar One, 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 4.725-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 1012 East Street, Southington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Edelson moved to grant CEPA Intervenor and Intervenor status to Michael and Diane Karabin limiting the Karabins participation under Connecticut General Statutes §4-177a(d) to environmental matters that are jurisdictional to the Council pursuant to the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, which include potential impacts to agriculture, but do not include the evaluation and/or determination of rights under any lease with the property owner of the proposed site; seconded by Ms. Guliuzza. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1425 - Gaylord Mountain Solar Project 2019, 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 1.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road in Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection Town of Hamden Request for Public Hearing and Site Visit.**

Mr. Silvestri recused himself from this matter.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Town of Hamden's Request for a Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

Mr. Morissette conditionally granted the Town of Hamden's Request for a Site Visit based upon Governor Lamont's Emergency Orders in place at the time of the scheduled public hearing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon voting no and Mr. Silvestri recusing.

7. **TS-VER-020-200811 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 87 Monce Road, Burlington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **Administrative Matters.**

- ***Regular Items***

- > Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Docket No. 489, Tuesday, September 15, 2020, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 488, Tuesday, September 22, 2020, continued **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, September 24, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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