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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 17, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer John Morissette at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Presiding Officer
Louanne Cooley
Edward Edelson
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Robert Silvestri

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of June 3, 2021.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of June 3, 2021; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 497 - Burlington Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.5-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Lot 33, Prospect Street Burlington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Mr. Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Edelson, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Ms. Cooley, and Mr. Morissette in favor of the proposed project with the conditions that Burlington Solar One, LLC offer training to local emergency responders; amend the Petroleum Materials Storage and Spill Prevention Plan to include the response to a leak and/or spill of the transformer insulating fluid, site contact and emergency contact information; submit the final Eastern Box Turtle and Eastern Hognose Snake Protection Plan and submit the final landscaping plan that includes identification of the final seed mix; and with the recommendation to consult with Eversource Energy to reduce the visual impact of the interconnection.

Mr. Morissette directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. **DOCKET NO. 502 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 118 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut. Requests for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor Status to the Woodbridge Newton Neighborhood Environmental Trust; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Party Status to the Town of Woodbridge; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1395A - Windham Solar LLC amended petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of one 1.0-megawatt (MW) and one 0.99 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities located at 31 Benz Street, Ansonia, Connecticut. Decision on Reconsideration of March 12, 2021 Final Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report, and with the recommendations to revise the decommissioning memorandum to account for site grading and consult with The United Illuminating Company to reduce the visual impact of the interconnection;

seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Hannon, and Ms. Cooley voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1406A – 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 grid-side 9.66-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 600 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to the United Illuminating Company's existing Congress Street Substation. NuPower Bridgeport FC, LLC Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). NuPower Objection and Motion to Strike Joseph Provey's June 8, 2021 Public Comment Filing.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant NuPower's Motion to Strike Joseph Provey's June 8, 2021 Public Comment Filing and add Joseph Provey's June 8, 2021 submission to the public comment record for this proceeding; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1442 - SR Litchfield, 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 19.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 6 contiguous parcels located both east and west of Wilson Road south of the intersection with Litchfield Town Farm Road in Litchfield, Connecticut, and both east and west of Rossi Road, south of the intersection with Highland Avenue in Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

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 subsequently extended, as no later than November 2, 2021; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1445 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed 1588 Line Rebuild Project, consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 2.65 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource transmission line right-of-way (ROW) that extends from Wallingford Electric's Colony Substation, located at 15 Old Colony Road, Wallingford and Wallingford Electric's North Wallingford Substation, located at 130 Thorpe Avenue, Wallingford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report, as amended to include the single contingency loss of load justification for construction of the rebuilt transmission line while the existing transmission line remains energized; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1452 - 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 38-foot 6-inch Eversource-owned utility pole that is not used principally for electric distribution service to be located in the public right-of-way adjacent to 36 Drinkwater Place, Greenwich, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. **Administrative Matters.**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 499, Thursday, June 24, 2021, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Docket No. 501, Tuesday, June 29, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, July 1, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.- CANCELED**
- Petition No. 1443, Thursday, July 8, 2021, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 502, Tuesday, July 13, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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