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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 26, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 26, 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
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 12, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2021; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Ms. Cooley abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 499 – 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 16 Coote Hill Road, Sherman, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record of the proceeding.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 501 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 106 Sharon Road, Lakeville (Salisbury), Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record of the proceeding.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1443 - SR North Stonington, 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 9.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on five parcels located north and south of Providence New London Turnpike (State Route 184), west of Boombridge Road and north of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, 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. Nguyen, Mr. Hannon and Ms. Cooley in favor of the proposed project with the condition that a Development and Management Plan be prepared to include verification that the final solar panels selected pass the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test, a Spill Prevention and Response Plan, a Species Protection Plan, a Landscaping Plan, and plans to minimize visual impacts of the project and the electrical interconnection to abutting properties during and after construction; and Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Morissette voting no.

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1458 – Homestead Fuel Cell 1, 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 grid-side 8.4-megawatt fuel cell facility located at 441 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy’s existing Northwest Hartford Substation. Request for CEPA Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Edelson moved to grant Allco Renewable Energy Limited CEPA Intervenor status; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri voting no.

6. **TS-DISH-033-210621 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 201 Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **TS-DISH-061-210621 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 65 Maple Avenue West, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **TS-DISH-070-210621 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 7 Sherwood Forest Lane, Killingworth, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. **TS-DISH-083-210621B - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1987 (a/k/a 1969) Saybrook Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

10. **TS-DISH-113-210621 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 74 Goodrich Lane, Portland, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Approval of any project changes be delegated to Council staff; and
- Construction activities shall take place during daylight hours in accordance with Condition No. 14 of the Council's Decision in Docket No. 58.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hannon, and passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

11. **TS-DISH-154-210621 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 782 Old Clinton Road, Westbrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

12. **Administrative Matters.**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting and public hearing dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 502, Tuesday, August 31, 2021, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 503, Thursday, September 2, 2021, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, September 9, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m**
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, September 23, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Docket No. 505, Tuesday, September 28, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Presiding Officer Morissette announced that Mr. Hannon's tenure as a Council member will conclude on August 31, 2021 and thanked Mr. Hannon for his dedication and service to the Council.

Mr. Hannon thanked Council members and staff in their vital role for the State of Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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