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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 9, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 9, 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 (departed from meeting at 1:45 p.m.)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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 26, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of August 26, 2021; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. DOCKET NO. 500 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1061-1063 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Ms. Cooley stated that she read the record of the proceeding.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Mr. Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Edelson and Ms. Cooley in favor of the proposed project; Mr. Silvestri and Mr. Nguyen in favor of the proposed alternate site; Mr. Morissette voting no; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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

- 3. PETITION NO. 1350 – EIP Investment LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 19.98-megawatt combined heat and power fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located within Building 107 on the corner of Curtis Street and the Pan Am Southern, LLC railroad tracks at the Stanley Black & Decker Campus, 480 Myrtle Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen and Modify.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Request to Reopen and Modify based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b); seconded by Mr. Edelson. 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion failed with Mr. Edelson, Mr. Nguyen, and Ms. Cooley voting in favor of the proposed project; and Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Morissette voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1456 - 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 Card to Willimantic Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 0.77 mile of its existing No. 1210 115-kilovolt (kV) line and approximately 0.81 mile of its existing No. 1220 115-kV line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Card Substation in Lebanon and Willimantic Substation in Windham, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

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

Mr. Edelson departed from the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

6. **PETITION NO. 1457 - 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 690 Line Rebuild Project consisting of: a) replacement and reconductoring of approximately 1.6 miles of its existing No. 690 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Salisbury Substation in Salisbury and Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation's electric transmission system at the Connecticut/New York state line in Sharon, Connecticut; (b) installation of temporary backup electric generation at Falls Village Substation in Canaan and Salisbury Substation in Salisbury, Connecticut; and (c) related substation and electric transmission line structure improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e) and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than January 10, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **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. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e) and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than January 10, 2022; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1459 - 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 modifications to its existing Shunock Substation located at 25 Pendleton Hill Road, North Stonington, Connecticut and related electric transmission line structure improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e) and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than January 17, 2022; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1461 - SBA Communications Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 130 Welles Road, Groton, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Intervenor status; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **TS-DISH-083A-210621 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 90 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff; and
- The existing equipment referenced in table 2 of the Structural Analysis prepared by Crown Castle, dated May 26, 2021 and stamped and signed by Terry P. Styran, must be removed prior to DISH's antenna installation in accordance with the above referenced Structural Analysis

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nguyen, and passed unanimously.

11. **TS-DISH-061-210630 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 270 Hubbard Road, 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 Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **TS-DISH-036-210802 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 220 Winthrop Road, Deep River, 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. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **TS-DISH-038-210802 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 134R (a/k/a 128R) Creamery Road, Durham, 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 Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

14. **TS-DISH-082-210802 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 393 Jackson Hill Road, Middlefield, 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. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **TS-DISH-131-210819 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 625 Spring Street, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Morissette 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.

16. TS-DISH-070-210819 - DISH Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 14 Route 80, Killingworth, 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
- No construction activities shall take place outside the hours of 7:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M, Monday through Saturday in accordance with condition No. 6 of the Council's Decision and Order in Docket No. 69.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch, and passed unanimously.

17. Administrative Notice.

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

- Docket No. 502, Tuesday, September 21, 2021, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- 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.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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