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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of October 21, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 21, 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

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
Ifenyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of October 7, 2021.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2021; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edelson departed from the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

2. DOCKET NO. 500 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC 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. Certificate Holder's Petition for Reconsideration.

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny the Certificate Holder's Petition for Reconsideration; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

- 3. DOCKET NO. 504 - 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 Lot N-4, Sequin Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut. 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. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Cooley, and Mr. Morissette in favor the proposed project with the condition that the tower shall be designed with a yield point to ensure the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the subject property; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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

- 4. DOCKET NO. 506 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Annual Review.**

Mr. Lynch moved that no revisions be made to the Council's current Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields, dated February 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6. PETITION NO. 1350A – 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. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen 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 March 8, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1460 – 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 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located east of the Cornwall town boundary at 129 Bartholomew Hill Road, Goshen, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit passing Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test results for the selected solar panels prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1463 – 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 1.0-megawatt (MW) AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at a Mulnite Farms, Inc. parcel off Wapping Road, and a 4.0 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at a Mulnite Farms, Inc. parcel off Miller Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 February 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1464 – 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 Rockville Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 1.2 miles of its existing No. 1606 and No. 1724 115-kilovolt transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Rockville Junction and Rockville Substation in Vernon, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation 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 February 26, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Morissette recusing.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar – Item Nos. 10-14; 16-17

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 10-17. Mrs. Cooley wished to recuse from Item No. 15. Item No. 15 was removed from the Consent Calendar and taken up separately. Item Nos. 10-14; 16-17 remained on the Consent Calendar.

10. **TS-T-MOBILE-133-210831 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 0 (a/k/a 147) Baltic Hanover Road, Sprague, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-T-MOBILE-032-210831 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 138 Main Street, Coventry, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-027-210917 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 48 Cow Hill Road, Clinton, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-T-MOBILE-056-210921 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 150 Lost Acres Road, Granby, Connecticut.**
14. **TS-DISH-111-210924 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 171 Town Hill Road, Plymouth, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-078-210924 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 497 Middle Turnpike, Mansfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff; and
- Construction activities shall be conducted between November 1 and April 1 in order to minimize possible disturbance of any *Clemmys insculpta* (wood turtles) in the vicinity of the site, in accordance with Condition No. 3 of the Council's Decision and Order in Docket No. 247.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch and passed with Ms. Cooley recusing.

16. **TS-DISH-103-210927 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Rockland Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-066-210927 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 64 Hungerford Lane, Harwinton, Connecticut. Decision.**

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 10-14; 16-17) was adopted with the conditions noted in the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar Memorandum dated October 15, 2021.

18. Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan. Annual Review.

Mr. Lynch moved that no revisions be made to the Council's 2018 Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50ee; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Fiscal Year 2023 Biennium Budget.

Mr. Silvestri moved to present the budget to the energy and telecommunications industries for comment; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Administrative Matters

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

- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, November 4, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m. – CANCELLED**
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, November 18, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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