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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of November 18, 2021

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 18, 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.

Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Mark Quinlan
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 October 21, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2021; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 489 – The First Taxing District Water Department of Norwalk Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 173 ½ West Rocks Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 491 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 110 Yantic Lane, Norwich, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

5. **DOCKET NO. 505 –Haddam Quarter Solar, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 2.8-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located south of Haddam Quarter Road and north of Johnson Lane, Durham, 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, Ms. Cooley and Mr. Morissette in favor of the proposed project with the conditions that Haddam Quarter Solar install underground lines and pad-mounted equipment for its side of the electric distribution interconnection; submit a Fuel Storage Spill Response and Prevention Plan, submit a Landscaping Plan to minimize visibility from Johnson Lane; provide site plans that incorporate design requirements specified in the DEEP Stormwater Permit; consider the feasibility of increasing the buffer from the limit of disturbance to the wetland located northeast of the proposed temporary sediment basin; submit details of any agricultural

co-uses that could be implemented at the site; and offer training to local emergency responders; with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1444 - CP NB Solar I, LLC and CP NB Solar II, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and a 0.97-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 127 Forest Road in North Branford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion failed with Mr. Edelson, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Cooley, Mr. Quinlan, and Mr. Morissette voting no, as the Partial Development and Management Plan is not in compliance with the Council's June 4, 2021 Declaratory Ruling Condition 4 (b) to modify fence lines/limits of disturbance to increase property line setbacks, if feasible, and Condition 4 (d) to provide complete contact information within the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan.

7. **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. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1462 – Distributed Solar Operations, LLC and IKEA Property, Inc. notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.90-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at IKEA, 450 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

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

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. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the request that Eversource provide an explanation as to why it appears project clearing was performed prior to Council issuance of a declaratory ruling; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. After discussion, Mr. Lynch moved to table. The motion failed. The motion to approve passed with Mr. Morissette recusing and Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 10 – 26

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request consent Calendar as Item Nos. 10 – 26. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Morissette recusing from Item 13.

10. **TS-DISH-110-210902 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Sparks Street, Plainville, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-T-MOBILE-086-210921 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 689 Old Colchester Road, Montville, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-160-210924 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 56 Cosgrove Road, Willington, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-146-210927 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 197 South Street, Vernon, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-DISH-168-210927 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 85 Paper Mill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-142-210927 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 319 Peter Green Road, Tolland, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-DISH-054-211001 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located a 63 Woodland Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

17. **TS-DISH-020-211001 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 12 Nepaug Road, Burlington, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-T-MOBILE-071-211008 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 244 Gates Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **TS-DISH-076-211012 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 258 Ridge Road, Madison, Connecticut. Decision.**
20. **TS-DISH-101-211012 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 117 Washington Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**
21. **TS-DISH-130-211012 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1432 Old Waterbury Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
22. **TS-DISH-025-211012 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1119 Summit Road, Cheshire, Connecticut. Decision.**
23. **TS-DISH-036-211012 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 15 Pent Road, Deep River, Connecticut. Decision.**
24. **TS-DISH-043-211012 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1455 Forbes Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**
25. **TS-DISH-054-211013 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 115 Birch Mountain Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
26. **TS-DISH-017-211013 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 371 Terryville Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**

27. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Docket No. 506, Tuesday, November 30, 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 meeting, via Zoom remote conferencing, Thursday, December 2, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, via Zoom remote conferencing, Thursday, December 16, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

Presiding Officer Morissette welcomed Mr. Quinlan to the Council.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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