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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 16, 2021

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 16, 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 (arrived at 1:17 p.m.)
Edward Edelson
Robert Silvestri

Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Mark Quinlan

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 December 2, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2021; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 474 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.**

Ms. Cooley arrived at 1:17 p.m.

Ms. Cooley and Mr. Quinlan stated that they 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. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri and Mr. Morissette voting no, and Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

4. **DOCKET NO. 503 - 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 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.**

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

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. After discussion, Mr. Edelson amended his motion to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order with the condition to submit a Landscaping Plan for the tower compound and for further visual screening from abutting residences in the Development and Management Plan. Mr. Quinlan withdrew his second. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nguyen and passed with Mr. Quinlan abstaining and Mr. Morissette voting no.

5. **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). Decision.**

Mr. Quinlan stated that he read the record of this petition.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **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. Motion to Reopen and Modify.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Motion to Reopen and Modify; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. Upon discussion Mr. Edelson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Motion to Reopen and Modify and to hold a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan recusing.

7. **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. Revised Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Revised Partial Development and Management Plan; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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. Decision.**

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

9. **PETITION NO. 1467 - Barrett Outdoor Communications, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed relocation of existing non-tower antenna arrays from a non-jurisdictional billboard located at 28 Sidney Street to a new telecommunications facility proposed to be constructed, maintained and operated at 200 East Main Street, Rear, Stratford, Connecticut. 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 April 18, 2022; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1468 - 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 Montville to Horton Cove Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 0.6 mile of its existing Nos. 100 69-kilovolt (kV) and No. 1410 115-kV electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Horton Cove and Montville Substation in Montville, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Cooley 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 April 20, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1469 - LSE Indus, 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 81 East Main Street, North Canaan, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. 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 April 23, 2022; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

12. **PETITION NO. 1470 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC joint petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a temporary telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no, and Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 13 to 44

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 13 - 44. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Silvestri requesting that Item No. 16 be removed from the Consent Calendar and taken up separately; Mr. Edelson recusing from Items 19, 37, and 39; and Mr. Quinlan recusing from Items 28, 29, and 30.

13. **TS-DISH-061-210920 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 539 Plains Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-DISH-137-211105 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 166 Pawcatuck Avenue, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-105-211105 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 61-1 Buttonball Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**

16. **TS-DISH-160-211027 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 109 Schofield Road, Willington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

17. **TS-CING-162-211027 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 428 Platt Hill Road, Winchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-CING-053-211028 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 89 Doctor Nott Road, Franklin, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **TS-DISH-130-211029 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 214 Russian Village Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
20. **TS-DISH-121-211105 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 399 West Road, Salem, Connecticut. Decision.**
21. **TS-DISH-101-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Devine Street, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**
22. **TS-DISH-007-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 286 (a/k/a 260) Beckley Road, Berlin, Connecticut. Decision.**
23. **TS-DISH-060A-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Tanner Marsh Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.**
24. **TS-DISH-060B-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 79 Moose Hill Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.**
25. **TS-DISH-049-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 77 Town Farm Road (a/k/a Ecology Drive), Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
26. **TS-DISH-054-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 577 Bell Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

27. **TS-DISH-056-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 8 (a/k/a 49) Upper Meadow West, Granby, Connecticut. Decision.**
28. **TS-DISH-023A-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 309 East Hill Road (a/k/a 4 Hoffmann Road), Canton, Connecticut. Decision.**
29. **TS-DISH-023B-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 650 Albany Turnpike, Canton, Connecticut. Decision.**
30. **TS-DISH-023C-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 14 Canton Springs Road, Canton, Connecticut. Decision.**
31. **TS-DISH-139-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 174 South Grand Street, Suffield, Connecticut. Decision.**
32. **TS-DISH-088-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Decision.**
33. **TS-DISH-016-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 111 Second Hill Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Decision.**
34. **TS-DISH-168-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 478 Good Hill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
35. **TS-DISH-092-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 20 Antolini Road, New Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**
36. **TS-DISH-064-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 99 Meadow Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**
37. **TS-DISH-120-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 377 Southbury Road, Roxbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
38. **TS-DISH-156-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 668 Jones Hill Road, West Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

39. **TS-DISH-130-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 111 Upper Fish Rock Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
40. **TS-DISH-040-211116 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 56 Floydville Road, East Granby, Connecticut. Decision.**
41. **TS-DISH-134-211117 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 51 Stony Lane, Stafford, Connecticut. Decision.**
42. **TS-DISH-102-211117 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 267 Norwich Westerly Road, North Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**
43. **TS-DISH-104-211117 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 292 Plain Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision.**
44. **TS-DISH-081-211118 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1021 Straits Turnpike (a/k/a 1 Service Road), Middlebury, Connecticut. Decision.**
45. **Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Budget.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Revised Fiscal Year 2023 budget and send it to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

46. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Docket No. 506, Tuesday, December 21, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m., via Zoom remote conferencing
- Energy/Telecommunications, Thursday, January 13, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications, Thursday, January 27, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

The Council discussed the importance of climate change resilience in its evaluation of jurisdictional facilities.

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

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:45 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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