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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 13, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer John Morissette at 1:01 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Presiding Officer
Louanne Cooley
Mark Quinlan

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
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of December 16, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2021; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 498 – Diamond Towers V, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 185 Academy Road (Route 68/Route 70), Cheshire, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1442 - SR Litchfield, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 19.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 6 contiguous parcels located both east and west of Wilson Road south of the intersection with Litchfield Town Farm Road in Litchfield, Connecticut, and both east and west of Rossi Road, south of the intersection with Highland Avenue in Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Partial Development and Management Plan – Phase I.**

Mr. Quinlan moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri voting no.

4. **PETITION NO. 1443A - 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. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Schedule.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan recusing.

- 5A. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, and the additional condition that Greenskies consult with Eversource Energy to reduce the visual impact of the electrical interconnections by considering the installation of underground lines from the solar arrays to the approximately six poles near the street (for each interconnection) and minimizing the number of

poles required (both near the arrays and near the street) and the use of pad-mounted equipment (e.g. meters and reclosers) near the street and submit to the Council prior to construction the Final Interconnection Plan/Electrical Drawings as approved by Eversource Energy and a detailed report explaining the rationale for the final interconnection configurations including cost considerations; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

6A. PETITION NO. 1466 – 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 2.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Treat Farm, 361 Old Tavern Road, Orange, 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 that Greenskies submit to the Council prior to construction the Final Interconnection Plan/Electrical Drawings as approved by The United Illuminating Company. If the Final Interconnection Plan is modified to include additional riser/utility poles beyond the three that were specified on Electrical Drawing Sheet E-100, submit a detailed report explaining the rationale for the additional riser/utility poles to facilitate the project interconnection; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

5B. PETITION NO. 1471 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed extension and modification of an existing telecommunications facility located at 343 Daleville Road, Willington, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Quinlan 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 May 18, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6B. PETITION NO. 1472 – Dynamic Energy Solutions, LLC as agent for Stag Industrial Holdings, 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 1.5 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 40 Pepes Farm Road, Milford, 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 May 23, 2022; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1473 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 311 Old Gate Lane, Milford, Connecticut. 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 June 6, 2022; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **FP-ATT-083-211214 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Request to Initiate Feasibility Proceeding for shared use of an existing facility located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. Schedule.**

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

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 9 – 32

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 9 - 32. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Morissette recusing from Item No. 11.

9. **TS-DISH-113-211029 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 191 Middle Haddam Road, Portland, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-104-211105 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 202 North Wawecus Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-DISH-146-211112 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 777 Talcottville Road, Vernon, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-132-211118 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 300 Governors Highway, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-154-211118 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 798 Toby Hill Road, Westbrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

14. **TS-VER-129-211118 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 248 Hall Hill Road, Somers, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-014A-211119 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-DISH-102-211119 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 118C Wintechog Hill Road, North Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-106-211119 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 77 Springbrook Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-DISH-020-211122 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 87 Monce Road, Burlington, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **TS-T-MOBILE-168-211124 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 85 Paper Mill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
20. **TS-DISH-047-211124 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Plantation Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**
21. **TS-DISH-023-211201 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 540 Cherry Brook Road, Canton, Connecticut. Decision.**
22. **TS-DISH-009-211130 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 64 Codfish Hill Road, Bethel, Connecticut. Decision.**
23. **TS-DISH-144-211130 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 98 Jeffrey Place, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**
24. **TS-DISH-079-211202 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 73 North Main Street, Marlborough, Connecticut. Decision.**
25. **TS-DISH-096-211202 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Canterbury Road (a/k/a 4 Elkington Farm Road), New Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**

26. **TS-DISH-132-211202 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 391 Niederwerfer Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**
27. **TS-DISH-006-211202 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 401-411 Lopus Road, Beacon Falls, Connecticut. Decision.**
28. **TS-DISH-048-211202 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 101 Burbank Road, Ellington, Connecticut. Decision.**
29. **TS-DISH-054-211202 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 175 Dickinson Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
30. **TS-DISH-077-211203 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 60 Adams Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
31. **TS-DISH-084-211206 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 528 Wheelers Farm Road, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**
32. **TS-DISH-088-211208 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 641 Maple Hill Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Decision.**
33. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Energy/Telecommunications, Thursday, January 27, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 506, Thursday, February 3, 2022, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications, Thursday, February 10, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.
Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:56 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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