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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of April 21, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022. 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
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Mark Quinlan

Kenneth Collette
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
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 March 24, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

2. Minutes of April 7, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen abstaining.

- 3. DOCKET NO. 495A - 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 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. Reopening of this Certificate based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Close of Evidentiary Record.**

Mr. Quinlan moved to approve the close of the evidentiary record; seconded by Mr. Collette. The motion passed unanimously.

- 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 telecommunications facility located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Mr. Morissette took the final vote of each Council member with Mr. Silvestri, Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Collette, Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, denying this application without prejudice.

- 5. DOCKET NO. 508– The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest and West River substations along approximately 9.5 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor traversing the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Party Status to the City of Milford; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6. 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). 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, Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Collette, Mr. Lynch, and Mr.

Morrisette voting in favor of the proposed project with the Development and Management Plan conditions to incorporate an aesthetic fence design for screening at 476 and 454 Providence New London Turnpike; consult with Eversource Energy to minimize visibility of the electrical interconnections and submit final design plans; submit a sheep grazing plan that does not include rotational grazing in proximity to any dog kennel(s); submit final design plans for the intra-connection of the western array and eastern array that crosses Wetland E; and consult with DEEP Stormwater Division regarding the potential impacts of sheep grazing on the site, including, but not limited to, water quality impacts from animal waste; and Mr. Quinlan recusing.

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1477 – Dish Wireless LLC 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 441 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1489 – NRG Curtailment Solutions, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176, §16-50i and §16-50k, that the installation of four 2.46-megawatt natural gas-fired emergency generating devices and associated equipment inside two existing buildings located on the ESPN Campus at 935 Middle Street, Bristol, Connecticut are exempt from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction and would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect. Decision.**

Mr. Collette moved to approve this petition, as subject to Council jurisdiction as an electric generating facility that would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional condition that the petitioner review and adopt Department of Energy and Environmental Protection regulations applicable to the portions of the Spill Prevention and Countermeasure Plan associated with the Generator Plant Buildings and the EGD as necessary to comply with state standards; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

9. **PETITION NO. 1491 – Dish Wireless LLC 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 340 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, 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 August 29, 2022; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1492 – CT NSB ProjectCo 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 486 Fitch Hill Road, Montville (Uncasville), Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Collette 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 August 29, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1493 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 1.5-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Saint Mary's Hospital, 56 Franklin Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. 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 August 29, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PETITION NO. 1494 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless facility on a new 38.5-foot wood pole and associated equipment at Durham Fairgrounds, 24 Townhouse Road, Durham, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and the additional condition that Verizon's equipment installation shall be performed in accordance with the

Structural Analysis prepared by Paul J. Ford and Company, dated April 8, 2022 and stamped and signed by Justin Kline; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **PETITION NO. 1495 – 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 installation of a small wireless facility on a new 43-foot Connecticut Department of Transportation-owned utility pole that is not used principally for electric distribution service and associated equipment to be located in the Metro-North Railroad right-of-way adjacent to 97 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Collette 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 8, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

14. **PETITION NO. 1496 – Dish Wireless LLC 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 52 New Britain Avenue, Rocky Hill, 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 September 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 15 - 28

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 15 through 28. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Lynch recusing from Item No. 28.

15. **TS-VER-076-220317 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 6-9 Campus Drive, Madison, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-T-MOBILE-041-220318 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Haywardville Road, East Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-108A-220321- Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 20 Great Oak Road, Oxford, Connecticut. Decision.**

18. **TS-DISH-108B-220321- Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 85 Quaker Farms Road, Oxford, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **TS-DISH-167-220321- Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Woodfield Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut. Decision.**
20. **TS-DISH-007-220321- Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1684 Chamberlain Highway, Berlin, Connecticut. Decision.**
21. **TS-DISH-131-220321- Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 250 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**
22. **TS-DISH-107-220321- Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Red Cedar Road (f/k/a 26 South Orange Center Road), Orange, Connecticut. Decision.**
23. **TS-DISH-067-220323 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 768 Gilead Street, Hebron, Connecticut. Decision.**
24. **TS-DISH-092-220325 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 115 Industrial Park Road, New Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**
25. **TS-DISH-096-220325 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 399 Chestnut Land Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**
26. **TS-DISH-108-220325 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 338 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut. Decision.**
27. **TS-DISH-168-220325 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 186 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
28. **TS-DISH-049-220404 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 188 Moody Road, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

29. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 508, Thursday, April 28, 2022, **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, Thursday, May 12, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 26, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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