



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting of May 12, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 12, 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 April 21, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. **DOCKET NO. 507 – Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 222 Clintonville Road, North Branford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Silvestri stated that he read the transcript of the public comment session.

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. Quinlan, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Morissette voting in favor of a brown-painted monopole with the additional conditions to install a 1,000 gallon propane tank; examine the proposed pipe under the access road to determine if site disturbance can be reduced; and adhere to the tree clearing restriction between October 1 and March 31 recommended by the Council on Environmental Quality to protect bat species.

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 509 - Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1837 Ponus Ridge Road, New Canaan, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

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

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor Status to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

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). Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and 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. Lynch, and Mr. Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, as amended, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Mr. Quinlan recusing.

5. **PETITION NO. 1483 – 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 Dooley Substation to Scoville Rock Substation and Middletown Substation Structure Replacement Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 9 miles of its existing Nos. 387, 362, and 3041 115-kV electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way in Middletown, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Quinlan moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that an environmental monitor oversee construction in sensitive resource areas and submit reports to the Council when any deviations from compliance with Eversource’s 2016 *Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements, Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut* (BMPs) occur, including, but not limited to, where BMPs are not installed, where BMPs are installed but incomplete, or where BMPs are installed but failed; seconded by Mr. Collette. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1484 - 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 modifications to its existing Gales Ferry Substation located at 301 Whalehead Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Quinlan moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended, and the additional condition that an environmental monitor oversee construction in sensitive resource areas and submit reports to the Council when any deviations from compliance with Eversource’s 2016 *Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements, Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut* (BMPs) occur, including, but not limited to, where BMPs are not installed, where BMPs are installed but incomplete, or where BMPs are installed but failed; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1486 – 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 400/500 Lines Rebuild Project consisting of the upgrade of the existing No. 400 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line to 115-kV and the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along 8.6 miles of the existing No. 400 electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Ledyard Junction in Ledyard and Tunnel Substation in Preston; and the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 4.9 miles of the existing No. 500 69-kV electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Hallville Junction in Ledyard and Tunnel Substation in Preston Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, and the additional conditions to submit a copy of the results of the Visual Impact Assessment prior to the commencement of construction; submit a copy of the Water Quality Certificate prior to commencement of construction; and an environmental monitor oversee construction in sensitive resource areas and submit reports to the Council when any deviations from compliance with Eversource's 2016 *Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements, Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut* (BMPs) occur, including, but not limited to, where BMPs are not installed, where BMPs are installed but incomplete, or where BMPs are installed but failed; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1488 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (T-Mobile) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility on electric transmission line structure No. 3147, owned by Eversource Energy within an existing Eversource Energy electric transmission line right-of-way located at 140 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

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. Decision.**

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

10. **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. Decision.**

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

11. **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. Decision.**

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

12. **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. Decision.**

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

13. **PETITION NO. 1497 - 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 2-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Bridgeport Hospital, 267 Grant Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

14. **PETITION NO. 1498 - 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 2-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Americold Logistics LLC, 24 Northwest Drive, Plainville, 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 September 18, 2022; seconded by Mr. Collette. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **PETITION NO. 1500 - 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 36 (a/k/a 38) Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, 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 September 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 16 – 24**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 16 through 24. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Silvestri recusing from Item No. 19.

16. **TS-DISH-132-220323 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 151 Sand Hill Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-107-220325 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 700 Grassy Hill Road, Orange, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-DISH-077-220407 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 33 Mitchell Drive, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **TS-DISH-062-220407 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**
20. **TS-DISH-0156-220407 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 204 Burwell Road, West Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**
21. **TS-DISH-080-220407 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 450-478 West Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut. Decision**
22. **TS-CING-085-220414 - New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 345 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, Connecticut. Decision.**

23. **TS-DISH-014-220419 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 21 Acorn Road, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**
24. **TS-DISH-163-220419 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 349R Mountain Street, Windham, Connecticut. Decision.**
25. **Administrative Matters.**

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

- Docket No. 508, Tuesday, May 24, 2022, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 26, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 9, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

#### **Adjournment.**

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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