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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 4, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 4, 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.
Robert Silvestri

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Council Member Absent:

Mark Quinlan

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

Introduction

Presiding Officer Morissette welcomed Mr. Golembiewski to the Council, as designee for Commissioner Dykes.

1. Minutes of July 21, 2022.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of July 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski and Mr. Nguyen abstaining.

2. **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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Golembiewski stated that he read the record of this proceeding.

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. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, and Mr. Morissette in favor of approving the project in the Option J configuration that is identified in Figure 15 on page 51 of the draft Findings of Fact, with the recommendation that the applicant consult with the City of Milford regarding possible mitigation measures for historic resources that are closely aligned with the project; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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

3. **PETITION NO. 1508 – Enfield Solar One, LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 110 North Street, Enfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Motion to Reopen – Modify Landscape Screening Condition No. 4.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to reopen this petition to modify the location of landscape screening ordered by the Council in Condition No. 4 of its July 21, 2022 Declaratory Ruling; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Silvestri moved to modify Condition No. 4 of the Council’s July 21, 2022 Declaratory Ruling to install-landscape screening in the northeast corner of the facility along the fence line; seconded Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

4. **PETITION NO. 1520 - 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 500-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at New Milford Hospital, 21 Elm Street, New Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional condition that the petitioner perform a post-construction noise survey to verify compliance with DEEP Noise Control Regulations at the nearest residential property line; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1522 - 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 700-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Allied Printing Services, 1 Allied Way (a/k/a 1046R Tolland Turnpike), Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1523 – 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 315 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mrs. Cooley moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the recommendation that Dish Wireless, LLC consider installing an emergency back-up power source within the compound expansion; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1524 – 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 181 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report with the recommendation that Dish Wireless, LLC consider installing an emergency back-up power source within the compound expansion; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8 - 26

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 8 through 26. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-DISH-099-220523 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 26 Commerce Drive, North Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-DISH-076-220523 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 17 Cottage Road, Madison, Connecticut. Decision.**

10. **TS-DISH-118-220524- Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 320 Old Stagecoach Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-DISH-034B-220607 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 66 Sugar Hollow Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-058B-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 31 Yurechko Drive, Griswold, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-003-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 33 Janoski Road, Ashford, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-T-MOBILE-005-220622 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 44 Gavitt Road, Barkhamsted, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-059T-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 75 Roberts Road, Groton, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-DISH-109-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 47-51 Unity Street, Plainfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-111-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 170 Mount Tobe Road, Plymouth, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-DISH-114-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 101 Pierce Street, Preston, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **TS-DISH-112-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 398 Pomfret Street, Pomfret, Connecticut. Decision.**
20. **TS-DISH-148-220622 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 39 Toelles Road, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.**
21. **TS-T-MOBILE-028-220623 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 812 Middletown Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
22. **TS-DISH-152-220627 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 53 Dayton Road, Waterford, Connecticut. Decision.**

23. **TS-DISH-014-220630 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 123 Pine Orchard Road, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**
24. **TS-DISH-166-220708 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1233 Wolcott Road, Wolcott, Connecticut. Decision.**
25. **TS-DISH-037-220708 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 71 Pleasant View Road, Derby, Connecticut. Decision.**
26. **TS-DISH-152-220711 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 85 Miner Lane, Waterford, Connecticut. Decision.**

27. **Administrative Matters**

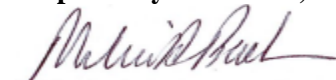
The following energy/telecommunications meeting and public hearing dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 510, Tuesday, August 9, 2022, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 509, Tuesday, August 16, 2022, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, August 18, 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 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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