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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of October 27, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 27, 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

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

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of October 13, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2022; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

2. DOCKET NO. 3B – The United Illuminating Company Amended Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for replacement of a portion of the existing Derby – Shelton 115-kV electric transmission line facility. Reopening of this Certificate based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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3. **PETITION 1443A - SR North Stonington, LLC 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. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1527 – 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 Stevenson to Pootatuck Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 8 miles of its existing Nos. 1560, 1808 and 1580 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Eversource’s Stevenson Substation, 1 Roosevelt Drive in Monroe and The United Illuminating Company’s Pootatuck Substation, 14 Old Stratford Road in Shelton, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements.
Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. Upon discussion, Mr. Golembiewski withdrew his motion.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to table this petition until further information is received; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1538 – 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 cell telecommunications facility to be located on the cupola at Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1539 – 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 three small wireless facilities on new wood poles that are less than 50 feet in height and associated equipment at Durham Fairgrounds, 24 Townhouse Road, Durham, 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 November 27, 2022; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 7 – 11

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 7 through 11. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

7. **TS-DISH-084-220808 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 438 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**
8. **TS-DISH-034-220811 – Dish Wireless, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 15 Great Pasture Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-DISH-135-220927 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 366 Old Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-T-MOBILE-103-220928 – T- Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 173 ½ West Rocks Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-DISH-148-220930 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1000 Northrop Road (a/k/a 922 Northrop Road), Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.**

12. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 512, Thursday, November 3, 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, November 10, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, December 8, 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 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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