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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of December 8, 2022**

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 8, 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  
Mark Quinlan  
Robert Silvestri

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

**Council Member Absent:**

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**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

**1. Minutes of November 10, 2022.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2022; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Nguyen and Mrs. Cooley abstaining.

**2. 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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri voting no.

3. **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. Silvestri moved to take this item off the table; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Quinlan moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that Structure Nos. 19655, 19655A, and 19254 be relocated farther to the north across Wetland 6 along the hillside, resulting in an increase of permanent upland disturbance by approximately .76 acre and an increase to the project cost by approximately \$1 million, as described in the response to Council Interrogatory No. 35a; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Morissette voting no.

4. **PETITION NO. 1537 – T-Mobile petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed extension and modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 1 Fairfield Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

5. **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. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1540 - ReNew Developers, 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 customer-side 4.0-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 234 Riverside Avenue, Bristol, 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.

7. **PETITION NO. 1542 – 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 Eversource-owned utility pole that is less than 50 feet in height and is not used principally for electric distribution service, and associated equipment within the public right of way adjacent to 40 Amelia Place, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1547 – SBA Communications Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 277 Huckleberry Hill Road, Avon, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

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

#### **Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 9 - 11**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 9 through 11. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

9. **TS-DISH-034-220907 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-128-221024 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 91 Mountain Road, Simsbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-DISH-086-221024 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 414 Chapel Hill Road, Montville, Connecticut. Decision.**

**12. Administrative Matters**

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, December 22, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, January 5, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

**Adjournment.**

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



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

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