



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 22, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 22, 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
Robert Silvestri

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

Mark Quinlan (absent from 1:00 p.m. to 1:18 p.m. for Item Nos. 1 and 2)

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
Adam N. Morrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

Introduction

Presiding Officer Morissette welcomed Adam Morrone to the Council's technical staff.

1. Minutes of December 8, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 510 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and Tarpon Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 92 Greens Farms Road, Westport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Quinlan arrived at 1:18 p.m.

Mr. Nguyen 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, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, and Mr. Morissette in favor of approving the facility with conditions to increase the wetland buffer from the vehicle turnaround area of the access drive; use natural gas to fuel the backup generator, if feasible; and develop a landscaping plan for the tower compound and associated equipment; and Mrs. Cooley and Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1527 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy 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 reductoring 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. Motion for Waiver of Condition No. 1.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Motion for Waiver of Condition No. 1; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1535 – 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 Ledyard Junction to Mystic Substation Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 12.8 miles of its existing No. 1280 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission right-of-way between Eversource’s Ledyard Junction in Ledyard and Mystic Substation in Stonington, 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 proposed work methods that address the Department of Public Health recommendations dated September 7, 2022, and develop a plan to notify the public if helicopters would be used during project construction; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1541 – North Haven Solar One, 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 1.625-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 122 Mill Road, North Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that the eastern box turtle and wood turtle protection plan recommended by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in the Natural Diversity Data Base Determination letter dated March 1, 2022 be implemented during project construction; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1543 - 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 wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 19 Kenosia Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1544 – LSE Pyxis LLC (Lodestar Energy) 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-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 599 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Connecticut, and Winsted-Norfolk Road, Colebrook, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. 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 April 29, 2023; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1545 – 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 Wawecus Junction to Montville Junction Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along its existing 8-mile electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) Nos. 1000, 1070, 1080 and 1090 Lines between Wawecus Junction in Norwich and Montville Junction in Montville, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski 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 May 1, 2023; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1546 – 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 wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on the roof of an existing academic building on the southwest portion of the Trinity College campus, located at 300 Summit Street, Hartford 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 May 7, 2023; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **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. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski 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 May 8, 2023; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PETITION NO. 1548 - 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 600-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Bristol Hospital, 41 Brewster Road, Bristol, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mrs. Cooley 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 May 13, 2023; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **PETITION NO. 1549 – 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 1714 Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 9.4 miles of its existing Nos. 1714, 1720, and 1222 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines and one structure along its 1637 line within existing Eversource electric transmission right-of-way between Eversource’s Weston Substation, 85 Weston Street in Weston and the United Illuminating Company’s Old Town Substation, 122 Kaechele Place in Bridgeport, Connecticut traversing Weston, Fairfield, Easton and Bridgeport and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Request for Party/Intervenor Status. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Party status to The United Illuminating Company; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Golembiewski 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 May 14, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

14. **PETITION NO. 1550 - VCP FX CT, 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 1.5-megawatt AC roof-mounted solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the Fed Ex Distribution Center, 49 FedEx Drive, Middletown, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mrs. Cooley 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 May 17, 2023; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **PETITION NO. 1551 - C-Tec Solar, 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 1.3-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the former New Britain landfill on Deming Road east of the intersection with Christian Lane, Berlin, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski 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 May 22, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

16. **PETITION NO. 1552 - Crown Castle and 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 replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 845 Ethan Allen Highway, Ridgefield, 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 May 30, 2023; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 17 - 18

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 17 through 18. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

17. **TS-DISH-159-221114 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 23 Kelleher Court, Wethersfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-T-MOBILE-028-221116 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Chestnut Hill Road (4W-01/007-000), Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **Administrative Matters**

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

- 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.

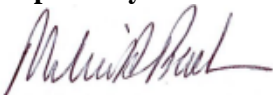
Presiding Officer Morissette announced Mrs. Cooley's resignation from the Council, effective December 31, 2022. Presiding Officer Morissette thanked Mrs. Cooley for her dedicated service and wished her well in future endeavors.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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