



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 5, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 5, 2023. 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
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
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Adam N. Morrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of December 22, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of December 22, 2022; seconded by Mr. Nguyen.
The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. **FORECAST-2022 - Connecticut Siting Council 2022 Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Draft Report.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Draft Forecast of Electric Loads and Resources Report, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50r (a); seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **LIFE-CYCLE 2022 – Connecticut Siting Council 2022 Analysis of Life-Cycle Costs of Electric Transmission Lines. Draft Report.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Draft 2022 Analysis of Life-Cycle Costs of Electric Transmission Lines Report, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50r (b); seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Update 2022.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to adopt the updates to the Council's Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan. Annual Review.**

Mr. Silvestri moved that no revisions be made to the Council's Statewide Telecommunications Plan, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50ee; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

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

After reviewing the 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. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Morissette voting in favor of the proposed facility.

- 7. DOCKET NO. 511 - Barrett Outdoor Communications application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 200 East Main Street Rear, Stratford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

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 information pertaining to the potential use and location of a propane generator for Verizon Wireless' equipment to be included within the Development and Management Plan; and Mr. Lynch recusing.

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

- 8. 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. Decision.**

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

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 9

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 9. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

- 9. TS-DISH-076-221109 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 864 Opening Hill Road, Madison, Connecticut. Decision.**

10. Administrative Matters

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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