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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 19, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 19, 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.
Mark Quinlan
Robert Silvestri

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

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

1. Minutes of January 5, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan abstaining.

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. Partial Development and Management Plan I – Structure 17/18 Configuration**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve Partial Development and Management Plan I using the Two Pole, Single Circuit Configuration Proposed Design; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 488 - Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at-93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant the Transfer of Certificate to Infra Towers, LLC; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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, 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. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

5. **DOCKET NO. 512 - 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 60 Vale Road, Brookfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

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

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of approving the facility.

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1310A – Quinebaug Solar, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Motion for Protective Order - Final Report.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan recusing.

7. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that a passing Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test result be submitted to the Council if there is a change in the selected solar panels; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan voting no.

8. **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. Decision.**

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

9. **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. Decision.**

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

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 10 – 13

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 10-13. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

10. **TS-DISH-057-221110 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 395 Round Hill Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-T-MOBILE-082-221121 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Palisades Drive (a/k/a 134 Kickapoo Road), Middlefield, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-103-221206 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 284 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-138-221206 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 200 Oronoque Lane, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, February 2, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 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 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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