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# Meeting Minutes Meeting of February 2, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 2, 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 19, 2023.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2023; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. DOCKET NO. 442 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 284 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Part II - East Unipole.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve Development and Management Plan Part II – East Unipole; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

3. 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

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; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Lynch and Presiding Officer Morissette voting in favor of the proposed facility.

4. PETITION NO. 1553 - Allen Place FC, 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 250-kilowatt combined heat and power fuel cell facility and associated equipment near North Campus Hall in the northern portion of the Trinity College campus located at 159 Allen Place, Hartford, 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 June 4, 2023; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PETITION NO. 1554 - HyAxiom, Inc. 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 1.84-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located near East Hall at the University of Hartford campus located at 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford (Parcel No. 2024) and 202 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford (Parcel No. 102001001), Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Quinlan 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 June 14, 2023; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

6. PETITION NO. 1555 - Earthlight Technologies petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Collins Aerospace, 1 Hamilton Road, Windsor Locks, 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 June 20, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PETITION NO. 1556 – 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 Gravel Pit Solar Transmission Interconnection Project consisting of the electrical interconnection between its existing No. 1200 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line facility and Gravel Pit Solar's 120 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located generally to the east and west of the Amtrak and Connecticut Rail Line, south of Apothecaries Hall Road and north of the South Windsor town boundary in East Windsor, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and switchyard improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Quinlan 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 June 20, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 8**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 8. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

- 8. TS-DISH-118-230117 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 76 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Decision.
- 9. Administrative Matters

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

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

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• Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 2, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

#### Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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