



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 16, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 16, 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 February 2, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. DOCKET NO. 480 - SectorSite LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility on town-owned property behind the Southwest Fire Station located at 2 Westwoods Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant the Transfer of Certificate to Phoenix Towers International US Towers II, LLC; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan recusing.

3. **PETITION NO. 1443A - SR North Stonington, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 9.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on five parcels located north and south of Providence New London Turnpike (State Route 184), west of Boombridge Road and north of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Development and Management Plan – Phase II.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve Development and Management Plan - Phase II with the condition noted in the staff report, as amended to coincide with the North Stonington Public School Calendar; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Quinlan recusing.

4. **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. Decision.**

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

5. **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. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1557 – LSE Hercules 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 95, 105 and 113 Raffia Road, Enfield, 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 July 5, 2023; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

7. **PETITION NO. 1559 - Crown Castle 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 41 Padanaram Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Request for Intervenor Status.**

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

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Intervenor status to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8-10

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 8-10. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-DISH-144-230104 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 60 (f/k/a 56) Commerce Drive, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-DISH-121-230123 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 343R Old Colchester Road, Salem, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-013-230123 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Polly Lane (a/k/a 10 Polly Lane), Bozrah, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. Administrative Matters

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 2, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 16, 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 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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