



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 2, 2023

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

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. DOCKET NO. 499 – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 16 Coote Hill Road, Sherman, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

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

3. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended, and with the recommendations that the finish on the replacement tower match the color of the existing tower to minimize visibility and the duration of emergency backup power generation at the site be maximized; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen recusing and Mr. Quinlan voting no.

4. **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. Decision.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1552 - Crown Castle and Celco 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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions that a post-construction noise study be submitted to the Council, written confirmation of flood storage compensatory wetland completion be submitted to the Council, and with the recommendation that Verizon Wireless consider additional propane tank capacity for the emergency backup generator; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 6-18

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 6-18. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Nguyen recusing from Item No. 7.

6. **TS-DISH-136-230130 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 421 Ekonk Hill Road, Sterling, Connecticut. Decision.**

7. **TS-DISH-004-230130 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Redwood Lane, Avon, Connecticut. Decision.**
8. **TS-DISH-116-230130 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 154 Sayles Avenue, Putnam, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-DISH-158-230131 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 880 Post Road East, Westport, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-158-230202 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 515 Post Road East, Westport, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-DISH-105-230203 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 62-1 Boggy Hole Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-107-230203 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-097-230207 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 20 Barnabas Road, Newtown, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-DISH-028A-230210 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 31 Chestnut Hill Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-028B-230210 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 48 Westchester Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-DISH-074-230210 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 383 Torrington Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-102-230210 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 350B Cossaduck Hill Road, North Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-DISH-145-230210 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1050 Buckley Highway, Union, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

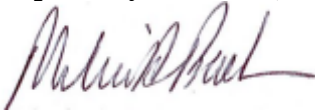
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 16, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 30, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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