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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 16, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 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.
Robert Silvestri
Mark Quinlan (absent at 1:04 p.m. for Item No. 1)

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 March 2, 2023.

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

2. DOCKET NO. 513 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Parcel No. 258-10C-001, Mason Hill Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. PETITION NO. 1551 C-Tec Solar, 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 1.3-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the former New Britain landfill on Deming Road east of the intersection with Christian Lane, Berlin, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.
 - Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 4 to emphasize training for emergency responders include an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.
- 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. Decision.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 4 to include the phrase "...required to comply with DEEP Noise Control Regulations" and Condition No. 5 to emphasize training for emergency responders include the use of appropriate fire extinguishing media in accordance with the Fuel Cell Emergency Response Plan and an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

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. Decision.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 2 to emphasize training for emergency responders include the use of appropriate fire extinguishing media in accordance with the Fuel Cell Emergency Response Plan and an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment, and with the recommendation that the petitioner consider retrofitting the facility to utilize the waste heat; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. PETITION NO. 1558 – Community Power Group 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 4-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Requests for a Public Hearing.

Mr. Quinlan moved to grant the requests for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 7-19

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 7-19. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

- 7. TS-DISH-073-230214 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 26 Mell Road, Lisbon, Connecticut. Decision.
- 8. TS-DISH-077-230214 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 250 Olcott Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.
- 9. TS-DISH-099-230214 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 39 Ciro Road, North Branford, Connecticut. Decision.
- 10. TS-DISH-108-230214 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 133 Coppermine Road, Oxford, Connecticut. Decision.
- 11. TS-DISH-053-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 36 Ayer Road, Franklin, Connecticut. Decision.
- 12. TS-DISH-058-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 2172 Glasgo Road, Griswold, Connecticut. Decision.
- 13. TS-DISH-059T-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 130 Welles Road, Groton, Connecticut. Decision.
- 14. TS-DISH-083-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1825 South Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.
- 15. TS-DISH-096-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 425 Litchfield Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Decision.

- 16. TS-DISH-134-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 30 Old County Road, Stafford, Connecticut. Decision.
- 17. TS-DISH-137A-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Taugwonk Spur Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.
- 18. TS-DISH-137B-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 86 Voluntown Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.
- 19. TS-DISH-082-230221 Dish Wireless, LLC 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.

20. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 30, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 513, Thursday, May 4, 2023, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 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 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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