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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 30, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 30, 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

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

Council Member Absent:

Mark Quinlan

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 16, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of March 16, 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. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant the motion for a protective order; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. DOCKET NO. 514 - Glenvale, LLC d/b/a Glenvale Solar application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 56 River Road, Putnam, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

- 4. 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. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that the final DEEP-approved Sand Barren Conservation and Mitigation Plan be submitted to the Council; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. 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. Schedule.**

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

6. **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. 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 August 1, 2023; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos.7-9

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 7-9. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Silvestri recusing from Item No. 8.

7. **TS-DISH-143-230301 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 3345 Winsted Road (a/k/a Burr Mountain Road), Torrington, Connecticut. Decision.**
8. **TS-DISH-062-230306 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 473 Denslow Hill Road, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-DISH-137-230306 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 7 Broadway Avenue Extension, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 27, 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.
- Petition No. 1558, Thursday, May 18, 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 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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