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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of April 13, 2023**

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 13, 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)

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Ifenyichukwu Nwankwo  
Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst  
Adam N. Morrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Minutes of March 30, 2023.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of March 30, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. DOCKET NO. 510 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and Tarpon Towers II, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 92 Greens Farms Road, Westport, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 515 - 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 east of the Student Transportation Parking Lot at 180 School Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

4. **DOCKET NO. 516 – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

5. **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 99, 105 and 113 Raffia Road, Enfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions to include the contact phone numbers and the spill response contractor contacts/phone numbers in the Spill Prevention Control Plan, the site be monitored for erosion and stormwater flow changes related to excavation/grading on the terrace escarpment, and a report be submitted to the Council if additional stormwater management actions are necessary; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a landscaping plan for the tower compound prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1560 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed Norwalk Bridge Transmission Relocation Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of two existing overhead 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from railroad catenaries and existing structures within the Connecticut Department of Transportation corridor to an underground configuration within roads and across the Norwalk River for approximately .66 miles between existing Structure No. 522WN north of Monroe Street and Structure No. 536WN north of Van Zant Street in Norwalk, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line improvements.-Request for a Public Hearing.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to deny the City of Norwalk Harbor Management Commission and the Shellfish Commission's Joint Request for a Public Hearing. The motion failed.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the City of Norwalk Harbor Management Commission and the Shellfish Commission's Joint Request for a Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion failed with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Morissette voting no.

#### **Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8 – 11**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 8-11. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Silvestri recusing from Item No. 10.

8. **TS-VER-109-230106 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 954 Norwich Road, Plainfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-DISH-163-230317 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 193 Windham Center Road, Windham, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-062-230317 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1055 Wintergreen Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**

**11. TS-DISH-060-230317 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 331 Killingworth Road (a/k/a Route 80), Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.**

**12. Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 2023, beginning at **1:00 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 25, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Presiding Officer Morissette announced Mr. Quinlan's resignation from the Council, effective immediately. Presiding Officer Morissette thanked Mr. Quinlan for his dedicated service and wished him well in future endeavors.

**Adjournment.**

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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