

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes Meeting of May 11, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 11, 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
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 April 27, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. DOCKET NO. 512 - Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 60 Vale Road, Brookfield, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. 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. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PETITION NO. 1565 - 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 East of Hurd State Park to East Haddam Junction Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along its existing 6.2-mile electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) No. 1772 and 345-kV Nos. 362, 376 and 364 Lines between Structure Nos. 12053 and 19099 east of Hurd State Park in East Hampton, Haddam Neck Switching Station in Haddam, and East Haddam Junction in East Haddam, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of East Hampton, Haddam and East Haddam, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Golembiewski 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 October 8, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PETITION NO. 1566 - 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 Card Substation to Wawecus Junction Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along its existing 12.5-mile electric transmission right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) Nos. 1080/1490 and 1080/1070 Lines between Card Substation in Lebanon, Stockhouse Road Substation in Bozrah and Wawecus Junction in Norwich, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of Lebanon, Franklin, Bozrah and Norwich, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Lynch 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 October 9, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

6. PETITION NO. 1567 - 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 1637/1720 Lines Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along its existing 4.0 mile electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) Nos. 1637 and 1720 Lines between Grist Mill Road in Norwalk, Norwalk Junction in Wilton, and Weston Substation in Weston, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of Norwalk, Wilton, and Weston, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. 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 October 9, 2023; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PETITION NO. 1568 – Verizon Wireless, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 440 Hayden Station Road, Windsor, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Lynch 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 October 10, 2023; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8 – 12

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Consent Calendar as Items Nos. 8 – 12. Mr. Lynch moved to table Tower Share Request Consent Calendar Item No. 9 for additional information; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8 and 10-12 were adopted.

- 8. TS-ATT-069-230331 AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 812 Providence Pike, Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.
- 9. TS-DISH-078-230403 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 82 North Eagleville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. Decision.
- 10. TS-DISH-037-230413 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 71 Pleasant View Road, Derby, Connecticut. Decision.

- 11. TS-DISH-132-230413 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 575 Pleasant Valley Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.
- 12. TS-DISH-147-230414 Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 111 Stone Hill Road, Voluntown, Connecticut. Decision.

13. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 8, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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