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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 8, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 8, 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
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Adam N. Morrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of May 25, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of May 25, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 508 – The United Illuminating Company (UI) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River 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 to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest and West River substations along approximately 9.5 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor traversing the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order – Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database Species Protection Plan. Partial Development and Management Plan Segment 1.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to take the Motion for Protective Order off the table; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

The Motion for Protective Order was rendered moot by withdrawal.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve Partial Development and Management Plan 1 with the conditions noted in the staff report, with an amendment to Condition No. 2 to include the local emergency community coordinator’s contact information, and with the recommendation to erect, if feasible, a replacement osprey pole or nesting platform for any osprey nests that are removed during construction; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of approving the facility.

Presiding Officer Morissette directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. **PETITION NO. 1442 – SR Litchfield, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 19.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 6 contiguous parcels located both east and west of Wilson Road south of the intersection with Litchfield Town Farm Road in Litchfield, Connecticut, and both east and west of Rossi Road, south of the intersection with Highland Avenue in Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Partial Development and Management Plan II.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve Partial Development and Management Plan II with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1562 – 524 NLR 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 3.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 524 New London Road, Colchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; with an amendment to Condition No. 5 to include contact information for the spill response contractor within the fuel storage and spill remediation plan on Site Plan GN-2; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1569 – Dish 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 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 224 Lovely Street, Avon, Connecticut. 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 25, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen recusing.

7. **PETITION NO. 1570 – Dish 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 Chesley Park, 35 Wildwood Street, New Britain, Connecticut. 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 25, 2023; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1571 – Dish 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 the Norwich Public Works Department, 50 Clinton Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut. 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 25, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1572 – East Windsor Solar Two, 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 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 31 Thrall Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Requests for a Public Hearing.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the requests for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 10 - 16

Mr. Silvestri moved to take Item No. 11 off the table; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 10 - 16. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

10. **TS-DISH-136-230403 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 5 Exeter Drive, Sterling, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **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.**
12. **TS-DISH-137-230510 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 421 Al Harvey Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**

13. **TS-DISH-051A-230511 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 3965 Congress Street, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-DISH-051B-230511 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 100 Reef Road, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-VER-168-230517 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 85 Paper Mill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-DISH-078-230519 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1725 Stafford Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 514, Thursday, June 15, 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, June 22, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 515, Thursday, June 29, 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, July 6, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing. **CANCELLED.**

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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