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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 22, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 22, 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 Hannon
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

Introduction

Council Members welcomed Mr. Hannon to the Council.

1. Minutes of June 8, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

- 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. Connecticut for Responsible Technology of Brookfield Motion to Reopen the Evidentiary Hearing and Modify the Decision Due to Changed Conditions.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny the Motion to Reopen the Evidentiary Hearing and Modify the Decision Due to Changed Conditions; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. 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, Opinion, Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Presiding Officer Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; and Mr. Hannon abstaining.

- 4. PETITION NO. 1497A – Bloom Energy Corporation amended 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 2-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Bridgeport Hospital, 267 Grant Street, Bridgeport, 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 24, 2023; seconded by Mr. Hannon. 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. Request for Party and Connecticut Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) Intervenor Status. Request to Reject the Petition for Failure to Provide Best Management Practices. Request to Reject the Petition for Failure to Comply with the National Electric Code (NEC) and/or National Electric Safety Code (NESC). Request to Separate Optical Ground Wire Installation and Structure Replacement Work.**

Request for Dismissal of the Petition for Incompleteness. Request for a Public Hearing.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Request for Party and CEPA Intervenor Status with the condition that participation shall be limited to in right-of-way work proposed to be performed by Eversource in Petition 1566; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hannon moved to deny the Request to Reject the Petition for Failure to Provide Best Management Practices; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny the Request to Reject the Petition for Failure to Comply with NEC and/or NESC; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny the Request to Separate Optical Ground Wire Installation and Structure Replacement Work; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to deny the Request for Dismissal of the Petition for Incompleteness; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny the Request for a Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. 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. Decision.

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 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. Schedule.

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

8. PETITION NO. 1573 - 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 Brookfield Junction to Bates Rock Substation Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 6.7 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) Nos. 1887, 1268, and 1485 Lines between Brookfield Junction in Brookfield and Shepaug Substation in Newtown, and along approximately 0.5 mile of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kV Nos. 1622 and 1485 Lines between Shepaug Substation and Bates Rock Substation in Southbury, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of

Brookfield, Newtown and Southbury, 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 November 5, 2023; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1574 - 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 Southington Substation to Cook Hill Junction Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 11.2 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1690, 1208, 1355 and 1610 Lines between Southington Substation in Southington and Cook Hill Junction in Wallingford including the installation of approximately 650 feet of the 1690 Line underground at Lucchini Junction in Meriden, traversing the municipalities of Southington, Cheshire, Wallingford, and Meriden, Connecticut, 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 November 13, 2023; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 10

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 10. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

10. **TS-VER-164-230525 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 780 (a/k/a 800) Prospect Hill Road, Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- 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**
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 516, Tuesday, July 25, 2023, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Public Act 23-108 An Act Establishing Local Representation on the Connecticut Siting Council for Local Projects.

Mr. Silvestri moved to submit a Resolution to the Governor to veto Public Act 23-108; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie A. Bachman', written in a cursive style.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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