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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 3, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 3, 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
Robert Hannon
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
Adam N. Morrone
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. **Minutes of July 20, 2023.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

- 2. 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. 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. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of the proposed facility with the development and management plan conditions to identify the final route for underground utilities, implement the Wetland and Vernal Pool Protection Plan; and explore the feasibility of a natural gas connection for the emergency backup generator.

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

- 3. PETITION NO. 1544A - LSE Pyxis LLC (Lodestar Energy) 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 4-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 599 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Connecticut, and Winsted-Norfolk Road, Colebrook, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report with the additional condition to implement the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection-recommended species mitigation measures in the October 18, 2021 Natural Diversity Data Base determination letter; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. 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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record of this proceeding.

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. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and an amendment to the second sentence of paragraph 5 on page 10 of the July 28, 2023 Draft Staff Report under “Public Safety” to include the phrase “... at the edge of the ROW...”; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1578 - LSE Horologium 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel No. 5-6-236-21, 163 North Windham Road, Windham, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 December 10, 2023; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1579 - KCE CT 9, 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 5.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at 2 Ella T. Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. 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 December 10, 2023; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1580 - CT Solar PDF, 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 1.45-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at two parcels on the Medtronic campus at 86 Quinnipiac Avenue and 195 McDermott Road, North Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 December 17, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1583 - TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel Nos. 113-1 and 113-1-A, 428 Bethmour Road, Bethany, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Requests for a Public Hearing.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant the requests for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. 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-T-MOBILE-163-230613 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 North Ridge Drive, Windham, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 516, Tuesday, August 29, 2023, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, August 31, 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 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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