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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 7, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 7, 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 Silvestri
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Council Member Absent:

Robert Hannon

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 November 9, 2023.

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 518 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and Tarpon Towers III, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 99 Dart Hill Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to CGS §1-210(b) related to the disclosure of monthly rent and financial terms contained within the lease agreement; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

3. **PETITION NO. 1442 - SR Litchfield, LLC Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the 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 III.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan III with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Presiding Officer Morissette. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

4. **PETITION NO. 1576 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the Middletown Substation to Oxbow Junction Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 5.5 miles of its existing No. 1620 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line right of way between Middletown Substation in Middletown and Oxbow Junction in Haddam, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Request for Helicopter Use.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Request for Helicopter Use with the conditions that Eversource perform public outreach and coordinate with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Forestry Division regarding work within Cockaponset State Forest prior to helicopter use; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1585 - Endurant 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 4.9-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at 508 North Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a copy of the building permit prior to the commencement of operation; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1591 - KCE CT 5, 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 Village Hill Road, Stafford (Parcel No. 71-6) and Willington (Parcel No. 52-001-00), Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Motion for Protective Order - Response to Council Interrogatory No. 4 Cost Information.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, related to the disclosure of project costs, cost recovery mechanisms and energy pricing; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1592 – Santa Fuel, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 159 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Schedule.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1595 - HyAxiom, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 4.14-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 35 North Main Street, Ansonia, 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 April 10, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1596 – USS Torrington Solar, 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on the former Torrington Landfill at 105 Vista Drive, Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 April 22, 2024; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Connecticut Siting Council Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Revised Budget.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adopt the revised Fiscal Year 2025 budget for submission to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50v(b)(1)-(2); seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 11-13

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 11-13. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

11. **TS-DISH-159-231026 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 75 Wells Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-145-231031 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Bald Hill Road, Union, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-DISH-057-231113 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1111 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. Decision.**

14. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 516, Tuesday, December 12, 2023, **final evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 518, Thursday, December 14, 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, December 21, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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