



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 21, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 21, 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.
Thomas Near, Ph.D.

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Steven Cadwallader
(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

Presiding Officer Morissette welcomed Council Member Dr. Thomas Near to the Connecticut Siting Council.

1. Minutes of December 7, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Cadwallader and Dr. Near abstaining.

2. **PETITION NO. 1586 – Dominion Energy Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, that neither a new Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) nor a modification to its existing Certificate is required to revise the boundaries of the Millstone Power Station electric generating facility site located off Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to decline issuance of a declaratory ruling. The motion failed.

Mr. Cadwallader moved to table this item for further review; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri and Presiding Officer Morissette voting no, and Dr. Near abstaining.

3. **PETITION NO. 1587 – 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 350 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended, and the recommendation that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority consider a reporting requirement under the Energy Storage Solutions Program that includes individual battery energy storage information such as facility location, number of times a facility is dispatched annually, and megawatts provided during dispatch, and to make this information accessible; seconded by Mr. Cadwallader. The motion passed with Dr. Near abstaining and Mr. Lynch not voting.

4. **PETITION NO. 1588 - 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 7.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at 22 Deerfield Road, Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended, and the recommendation that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority consider a reporting requirement under the Energy Storage Solutions Program that includes individual battery energy storage information such as facility location, number of times a facility is dispatched annually, and megawatts provided during dispatch, and to make this information accessible; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Dr. Near abstaining.

5. **PETITION NO. 1590 - TowerNorth Development, LLC and New Cingular Wireless, PCS d/b/a AT&T petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement of an existing municipal communications tower located at 13 Pomeroy Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Cadwallader. The motion passed with Dr. Near abstaining.

6. **PETITION NO. 1597 – Greenskies Clean Energy 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 3.74-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel No. 017-150-066, Spencer Hill Road, Winchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri 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 May 5, 2024; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1598 - Windsor Solar One, 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 445 River Street, Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Public Hearing. Requests for Party/Intervenor Status.**

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

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant Party status to the Town of Windsor; seconded by Presiding Officer Morissette. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant Intervenor status to Leslie Harrison; seconded by Mr. Cadwallader. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Cadwallader moved to grant Party status to Keith and Lisa Bress; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant Intervenor status to Diane Lehan; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor status to William and Jennifer Williams; seconded by Cadwallader. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Dr. Near moved to group the Intervenors, Leslie Harrison; Diane Lehan; and William and Jennifer Williams, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n(c), on the basis of common interests; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

8. **PETITION NO. 1599 – 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 No. 30-25-59 Spencer Street, Suffield, 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 May 12, 2024; seconded by Mr. Cadwallader. The motion passed with Presiding Officer Morissette recusing.

9. **PETITION NO. 1600 - 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 No. 30-2-74-40 Chamberlain Highway, Berlin, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri 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 May 12, 2024; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1601 - 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 958 Route 163, Montville, 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 May 12, 2024; seconded by Mr. Cadwallader. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 11-12

- Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 11-12. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

11. **TS-DISH-103-231130 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 173 ½ West Rocks Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-050-231204 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at at 6 Main Street, Essex (Centerbrook), Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, January 4, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1592, Thursday, January 11, 2024, **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, January 18, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 517, Tuesday, January 23, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Presiding Officer Morrissette announced the passing of Council Member Robert Hannon on December 15, 2023. Mr. Hannon was on the Council for many years as the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's designee (12/07/12-8/31/21) and most recently appointed by the Governor as a public member with experience in ecology in June 2023. Mr. Hannon will be remembered as a passionate, dedicated member; and he will be dearly missed.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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