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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 4, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 4, 2024. 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)
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

1. Minutes of December 21, 2023.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of December 21, 2023; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 501 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 106 Sharon Road, Lakeville (Salisbury), Connecticut. Request for Extension and Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant a one-year extension of time to complete the construction of this facility and the Transfer of Certificate to TowerCo 2013 LLC; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 519 – Celco 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 11 Chamberlain Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.**

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

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. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 520 – Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco 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 124 Ague Spring Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.**

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

Mr. Golembiewski 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. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **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 take this item off the table; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski and Mr. Nguyen voting no.

Mr. Silvestri moved to decline issuance of a declaratory ruling without prejudice on the basis that it is premature for the Council to review any potential effects of the requested site boundary revision on the environment and the provision of adequate and reliable public utility services at the lowest reasonable cost to ratepayers throughout the state given the lack of information surrounding the proposed data centers and their direct interconnection to Millstone Power Station Units 2 and 3; seconded by Presiding Officer Morissette. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

6. **PETITION NO. 1593 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for the proposed Montville Substation to North of Kitemaug Road Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 1.1 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1090 and 1000 Lines between Montville Substation and approximately 1200 feet north of Kitemaug Road in Montville, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1594 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of the Greenwich Country Club clubhouse and associated equipment at ground level located at 19 Doubling Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **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. Motion for Protective Order - Response to Council Interrogatory No. 4 Cost Information.**

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

9. **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. Schedule.**

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

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-DISH-102-231211 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 227 Boombridge Road, North Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. Administrative Matters

The following public hearings and energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- 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.

Adjournment.

Dr. Near 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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