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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 15, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 15, 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
Thomas Near, Ph.D.
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Ifeyanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Adam N. Morrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of February 1, 2024.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2024, as amended; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 516 – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order, and Conclusions of Law.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to table this item until the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion failed with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Morissette, and Dr. Near voting no and Mr. Carter abstaining.

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

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order, and Conclusions of Law, Presiding Officer Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Silvestri, Dr. Near, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order, and Conclusions of Law, as amended; Mr. Nguyen voting no; and Mr. Golembiewski and Mr. Carter abstaining.

3. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions to install transformers with low oil level alarms; submit a revised Emergency Response Plan with reference to leaks and spills that includes the total volume of oil in the transformers prior to commencement of construction; submit the results of the soil tests, including any required revisions to the proposed facility site and remediation measures, if necessary, prior to commencement of construction; and install the cooling modules as close as possible to the foundation walls adjacent to North Main Street, if feasible; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1605 - 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 Hartford Underground Cable Replacement Project consisting of the replacement and partial relocation of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1722 and 1740 high pressure fluid filled (HPFF) electric transmission cables with cross linked polyethylene (XLPE) electric transmission cables along approximately 6.7 miles of existing and new right-of-way between Northwest Hartford Substation, Southwest Hartford Substation and South Meadow Substation and retirement of two transmission line taps at Capital District Energy Center Cogeneration Associates and O'Brien Energy Systems, Inc. cogeneration facilities in Hartford, Connecticut and related electric transmission cable and substation improvements. 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 June 26, 2024; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Carter recusing.

5. **PETITION NO. 1606 – 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 65 and 105 Vine Street, Middletown, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Dr. Near 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 July 1, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1607 – Hanwha Q Cells America, 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 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at Parcel No. 95-F10-247-5 and 95-F10-247-5A, 163 State Pier Road, New London, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Carter 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 July 3, 2024; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 7 - 9

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 7 - 9. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

7. **TS-DISH-045-240122 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**
8. **TS-DISH-152-240129 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 35 South Bartlett Road, Waterford, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-T-MOBILE-042-240131 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 65 Midwood Farm Road, East Hampton, Connecticut. Decision.**

10. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Docket No. 519, Tuesday, February 27, 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, February 29, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, March 14, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1598, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 520, Thursday, March 21, 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, March 28, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.
Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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