



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting of February 29, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 29, 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  
Chance Carter  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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

#### Council Member Absent:

Thomas Near, Ph.D.

#### 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

#### Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

#### 1. Minutes of February 15, 2024.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **PETITION NO. 1422 - CF Mulnite LLC Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at Mulnite Farms, Inc. off Barber Hill Road west of the intersection with Rockville Road, East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Motion to Reopen and Modify.**

**PETITION NO. 1463 – CF Mulnite Miller, LLC Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.0-megawatt (MW) AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at a Mulnite Farms, Inc. parcel off Wapping Road, and a 4.0 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at a Mulnite Farms, Inc. parcel off Miller Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Motion to Reopen and Modify.**

Mr. Silvestri voted to grant the Motions to Reopen and Modify these Declaratory Rulings with the conditions noted in the staff report, an addition to Condition No. 2g to include transformer protections including containment measures and/or low level oil alarms; and the additional condition to submit a cumulative post-construction noise study and any necessary mitigation measures; rendering the Town of East Windsor’s Request for Party status and the Town of East Windsor resident’s Request for a Public Hearing moot; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen voting no and Mr. Lynch recusing.

3. **PETITION NO. 1589 – USS Somers 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Petition for Reconsideration.**

Mr. Lynch moved to deny the Petition for Reconsideration; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen voting no.

4. **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. 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. Golembiewski in favor of the proposed facility; and Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Carter, Mr. Lynch and Presiding Officer Morissette opposed to the proposed facility.

Presiding Officer Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order denying issuance of a declaratory ruling for this petition to be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and an addition to Condition No. 4 to submit a final electrical interconnection plan that has been approved by Eversource for Council review and approval, prior to the commencement of construction, that includes the use of pad-mounted equipment on both the Eversource and GCE sides of the interconnection, and any hybrid design options to reduce the visual impact of the electrical interconnection; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1608 – 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 3.035-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Middlefield Road, Durham, 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 July 15, 2024; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 7 - 10**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 7 - 10. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

7. **TS-DISH-034-240116 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 41 Padanaram Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
8. **TS-DISH-118-240116 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 845 Ethan Allen Highway, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Decision.**

9. **TS-DISH-103-240122 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 11 Filbert Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**

10. **TS-VER-121-240206 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 153 East Haddam Road, Salem, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. **Administrative Matters**

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

- 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. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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