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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 14, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 14, 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
Adam Morrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of February 29, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of February 29, 2024; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 517 – MCM Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Boy Scouts of America Camp Hoyt, 288 Simpaug Turnpike (Parcel No. 12-29), Redding, Connecticut. 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. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Carter, and Presiding Officer Morrissette in favor of the proposed facility with the development and management plan conditions to design the tower with removable climbing pegs, a yield-point, and brown paint; include privacy slats for the compound fencing; install a transformer with secondary containment and/or low level oil alarms; implement a Wetlands and Vernal Pool Protection Plan and Bog Turtle Protection Plan; and explore the feasibility of reasonably shifting the facility site further away from Wetland 1; and with the recommendation to re-design the compound to include space for a fourth emergency backup power generator and associated 500-gallon propane tank; and Mr. Lynch's straw poll vote not recorded.

Presiding Officer Morissette directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. **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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Presiding Officer Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Carter, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; Mr. Golembiewski voting no; and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

4. **PETITION NO. 1609 – 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 250 Carter Street, Manchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action - Requests for Public Hearing.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant the requests for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 5 - 6

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 5 - 6. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

5. **TS-DISH-086-240214 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 71 Moxley Road, Montville (Uncasville), Connecticut. Decision.**
6. **TS-VER-130-240214 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 459 Burr Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
7. **Administrative Matters**

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

- 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. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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