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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 28, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 28, 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 March 14, 2024.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. 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, 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. Golembiewski, Mr. Carter, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended.

3. **DOCKET NO. 518 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and Tarpon Towers III, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 99 Dart Hill Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Nguyen stated that he read the record for this proceeding.

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 Morissette in favor of the proposed facility with the development and management plan conditions to submit an approved application for permitted use of the right of way (ROW), or an alternative plan for access to the site; and to design the tower with a yield-point to ensure the tower setback radius does not encroach upon the electric transmission line ROW and remains within the boundaries of the host parcel; and Mr. Lynch recusing.

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

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, 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. Schedule.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1611 – LSE Scutum LLC and LSE Bootes LLC (Lodestar 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 1.93-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Town Farm Road, and Parcel Nos. 86-326 and 86-164, Abbe Road, Enfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Request for Hearing. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant the Town of Enfield’s request for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant Party Status to the Town of Enfield; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Intervenor Status to Barbara Audet; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor Status to Jennifer Krasinkiewicz; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Carter moved to grant Intervenor Status to John Cox; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Silvestri moved to group the Intervenors, Barbara Audet, Jennifer Krasinkiewicz and John Cox, 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.

6. **PETITION NO. 1612 – 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 37 Hunters Lane, Southington, 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 August 7, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1613 - 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 East Haddam Junction to Hunts Brook Junction Reliability Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 16.1 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 345-kilovolt (kV) 348 and 364 Lines between East Haddam Junction in East Haddam and Hunts Brook Junction in Montville, traversing the municipalities of East Haddam, Lyme, East Lyme, and Montville, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. 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 August 7, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8 - 9

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 8 - 9. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-DISH-152-240220 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 45 Fargo Road, Waterford, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-VER-017-240221 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 790 Willis Street, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Petition No. 1598, Tuesday, April 2, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 11, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 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 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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