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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of April 11, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 11, 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)
Thomas Near, Ph.D.

Staff Members Present:

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

Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
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Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of March 28, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2024; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Dr. Near abstaining, and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

2. **DOCKET NO. 494 - Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located south of Chestnut Hill Road at the intersection with Grilley Road and Lyman Road (Parcel No. 101-1-5B), Wolcott, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**
4. **DOCKET NO. 513 - Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Parcel No. 258-10C-001, Mason Hill Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**
5. **DOCKET NO. 515 - Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 180 School Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to group agenda Item Nos. 2, 4 and 5; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Transfers of Certificate for Agenda Item Nos. 2, 4 and 5; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

3. **DOCKET NO. 512 - Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 60 Vale Road, Brookfield, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

6. **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, 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, Dr. Near, Mr. Carter, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; and Mr. Lynch recusing.

7. **DOCKET NO. 521 – Tarpon Towers III, LLC and Cellco 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 and associated equipment located at 1021-1041 South Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

8. **PETITION NO. 1602 - Glastonbury Solar One, LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy, 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 17 Wickham Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and additional conditions to consult with Eversource to determine the feasibility of using pad-mounted equipment or other interconnection design to reduce the number of poles and to submit the results to the Council prior to commencement of construction; submit a revised Spill Prevention and Materials Storage Plan to include an incident report template and a plot plan depicting refueling and material storage areas prior to commencement of construction; shift the location of the inverter/equipment pads approximately 100 feet to the south; submit a post-construction operational noise study and any mitigation measures, if necessary; and submit a copy of the consent letter from the Homeowners Association to the Council prior to the commencement of construction if the Option 1 Layout is selected although the Council prefers the Option 2 Layout; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

9. **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. Motion for Protective Order – Responses to Council Interrogatory Nos. 4 and 63d Cost Information.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, related to the disclosure of project costs, cost recovery mechanisms and energy pricing; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

10. **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. Schedule.**

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

11. **PETITION NO. 1614 - 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 Christian Street Junction to Stevenson Substation Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 5.5 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1580 and 1808 Lines between Christian Street Junction in Oxford and Stevenson Substation in Monroe, 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 18, 2024; seconded by Mr Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

12. **PETITION NO. 1615 – C-Tec 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 3.98-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the former Hartford Landfill at 180 Leibert Road, Hartford, 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 August 18, 2024; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Carter recusing and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

13. **PETITION NO. 1616 – 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 extension and modifications to an existing Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection-owned telecommunications facility and installation of associated telecommunications equipment located at 194 Mount Parnassus Road, East Haddam, Connecticut. 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 July 21, 2024; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

14. **PETITION NO. 1622 – C-Tec 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 1.66-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 186 Foster Street, South Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Party Status to Monique Pezic; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 15

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 15. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

15. **TS-DISH-080-240304 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 38 Elm Street, Meriden, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1609, Thursday, May 2, 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, May 9, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 23, 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 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie A. Bachman', written in a cursive style.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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