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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of April 25, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 25, 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

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of April 11, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2024; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **PETITION NO. 1598 – Windsor Solar One, 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 445 River Street, Windsor, 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. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Dr. Near; Mr. Carter, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of the proposed facility with the development and management plan conditions to submit a final Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure Plan with contractor information and appropriate reporting forms; a final enhanced landscaping plan that includes the estimated offset for the loss of trees in relation to the 0.2 acres of tree clearing in the eastern portion of the site and an annual review and replacement of plantings that die-off after the warranty for the life of the facility; a post-construction operational noise study and any mitigation measures, if necessary; final plans to comply with DEEP-recommended protection/conservation measures; an agricultural co-use plan for the site, if applicable, with a document that shall indemnify and hold harmless the Council, its agents, representatives and employees from any and all losses, claims, actions, costs and expenses, judgments, subrogations, or other damages resulting from any injury to a person or to property arising out of the presence of third-parties within the fenced solar facility site and that maximizes the distance of the sheep-grazing paddocks from the property lines of adjacent residential properties; and notify abutting property owners of the commencement and type of construction activities; 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.

3. **PETITION NO. 1599 – 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 Parcel No. 30-25-59 Spencer Street, Suffield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended, with Condition No. 7 to include a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan with contractor information and appropriate reporting forms, and the 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, including design costs, and submit the results to the Council prior

to commencement of construction; submit the Phase 1B archaeological reconnaissance survey prior to commencement of construction; submit a final enhanced landscaping plan prior to commencement of construction; and submit a post-construction operational noise study and any mitigation measures, if necessary; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Presiding Officer Morissette recusing.

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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Party Status to Raymond Welnicki; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

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

Mr. Carter moved to grant Intervenor Status to Rachel and Dana Schnabel; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor Status to Manchester Advocates for Responsible Solar Development; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Carter moved to group Raymond Welnicki and Rachel and Dana Schnabel as the Grouped Resident Party and Intervenors pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50n(c) on the basis of common interests; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

5. **PETITION NO. 1617 – Woodstock 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 and associated equipment located at 11 Castle Rock Road, Woodstock, 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 September 1, 2024; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1618 – T-Mobile Northeast LLC (T-Mobile) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed extension and modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and associated equipment on electric transmission line structure 6063B, owned by Eversource Energy within an existing Eversource Energy electric transmission line right-of-way located at Oil Mill Road, Waterford, Connecticut. 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 5, 2024; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1619 – TRITEC Americas, 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 4.97-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Parcel No. 27-15-7, 0 Riggs Street, Oxford, 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 September 4, 2024; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1620 – VFS, 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 920-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the York Correctional Institution, 199 West Main Street, East Lyme (Niantic), Connecticut. 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 September 10, 2024; seconded by Dr. Near. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1621 – VFS, 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 grid-side 4.0-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 1225 Central Avenue, Bridgeport, 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 September 10, 2024; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **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. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Request for Public Hearing.**

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

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Party Status to the Town of South Windsor seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Dr. Near moved to grant Party Status to Kathryn and Jonathan Hale; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Carter moved to group Kathryn and Jonathan Hale with the existing party in this matter, Monique Pezic, as the Grouped Resident Parties pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50n(c) on the basis of common interests; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 11

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 11. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Carter recusing.

11. **TS-T-MOBILE-064-240328 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 235 Brainard Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

12. Administrative Matters

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

- 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.
- Petition No. 1611, Thursday, May 16, 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 23, 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 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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