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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of May 9, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 9, 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.
Khristine Hall

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 Mathews

Introduction.

Presiding Officer Morissette welcomed Ms. Khristine Hall to the Connecticut Siting Council.

1. Minutes of April 25, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Ms. Hall abstaining and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

2. **DOCKET NO. 508 – The United Illuminating Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI's existing Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest and West River substations along approximately 9.5 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Metro-North Railroad corridor traversing the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut. Partial Development and Management Plan III – Segment 3.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve Partial Development and Management Plan III with the condition noted in the staff report, an additional condition to contact the DEEP Wildlife Division regarding the use of osprey deterrents on the new structures and replacement of any osprey platforms for any osprey nests that are removed during construction, and with the recommendation that UI contact local railroad museums regarding possible bonnet preservation and display; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

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

Ms. Hall stated that she read the record for this proceeding.

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, Ms. Hall, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; with the additional conditions to require documentation of compliance with state standards and identification of any mitigation measures employed to adhere to the standards and water new plantings for a period of two years; and Mr. Lynch recusing.

4. **PETITION NO. 1600 - 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. 30-2-74-40 Chamberlain Highway, Berlin, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 5 to require documentation of compliance with state standards and identification of any mitigation measures employed to adhere to the standards and Condition No. 8 to submit an agricultural co-use plan for the site, if a co-use is implemented, and additional conditions to submit the Phase IB survey prior to commencement of construction, install the transformer with a low-level oil monitor and alarm, and shift the location of the electrical pad further to the east to increase the distance from the nearest residential property line and submit a revised site plan prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

5. **PETITION NO. 1601 - 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 958 Route 163, Montville, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report amending Condition No. 5 to require documentation of compliance with state standards and identification of any mitigation measures employed to adhere to the standards and Condition No. 7 to submit an agricultural co-use plan for the site, if a co-use is implemented, and additional conditions to install the transformer with a low-level oil monitor and alarm, inspect landscaping on an annual basis, and submit a final construction and stabilization plan for the access road prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

6. **PETITION NO. 1604 - Endurant Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of an 18.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at 50 Ucar Street (Parcel No. 70H-55-97), Suffield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and additional conditions to install transformers with low level oil monitors and alarms and install landscaping adjacent to East Street and along the access road; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

7. **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. Schedule.

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1623 - HQCA Energy Solutions, 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 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 40 Norwich Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Hall 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 23, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

9. **PETITION NO. 1624 - 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 proposed modifications to its existing Sandy Hook Substation and associated equipment located at 13 Farmery Lane, Newtown, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Hall 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 28, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

10. Administrative Matters

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

- 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.
- Petition No. 1609, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 23, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 6, 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 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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