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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of June 20, 2024**

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 20, 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  
Khristine Hall

Brian Golembiewski  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
Quat Nguyen  
(designee for Chairman Gillett)  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.  
(Mr. Lynch was absent for Item Nos. 6 – 13)

**Council Members 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 June 6, 2024.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2024; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Ms. Hall abstaining and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

2. **DOCKET NO. 520 - Homeland Towers, 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 located at 124 Ague Spring Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and 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; and Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

3. **DOCKET NO. 522 – Stafford Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 92 Upper Road, Stafford, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Party Status to the Department of Agriculture; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

4. **PETITION NO. 1583 - 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 Nos. 113-1 and 113-1-A, 428 Bethmour Road, Bethany, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to decline to issue a declaratory ruling due to the expiration of the statutory deadline for a final decision that cannot be extended for any further period of time; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

5. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, and additional conditions to submit the final electrical interconnection plans for Council review and approval prior to commencement of construction, if the alternate electrical interconnection route is feasible; submit a final landscaping plan with additional plantings along the west side of the site; install transformers with low level oil monitors and alarms; and submit a post-construction operational noise study that documents compliance with state standards and the identification of any noise mitigation measures that are employed to adhere to the standards, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch's vote not recorded.

6. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 5 to include reference to the sensitive resource areas that are identified in the project maps; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 5 to include Council review and approval of any FAA marking and/or lighting scheme prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1629 – 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 installation of a small wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on the roof of a multiuse building located at 330 Roberts Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1630 – 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 Putnam Dining Hall on the University of Connecticut campus, 2358 Alumni Drive, Storrs (Mansfield), 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 November 11, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1631 – Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) joint petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 75 Wells Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen 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 October 17, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PETITION NO. 1632 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless facility on a new Eversource-owned utility pole that is less than 50 feet in height and is not used principally for electric distribution service and associated equipment lwithin the public right of way adjacent to 650 Main Avenue, Norwalk, 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 August 20, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 13**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 13. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

13. **TS-VER-150-240528 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1622, Thursday, June 27, 2024, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing. **CANCELED**
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, July 18, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1609, Tuesday, July 23, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 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 2:06 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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