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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 15, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 15, 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
Khristine Hall
Chance Carter

Eric Hammerling
(temporary designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Bill Syme (absent from 1:00 p.m. to 1:06 p.m. for Item No. 1)

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr

Thomas Near, Ph.D.

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst 1

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst 2
Adam Morrone
Siting Analyst 1

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of August 1, 2024.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of August 1, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Carter and Mr. Hammerling abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 494 – The Towers LLC 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. Development and Management Plan - Condition No. 1.**

Mr. Syme arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve AT&T's equipment configuration submitted in compliance with Development and Management Plan – Condition No. 1; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 525 – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.75-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located on two parcels at 54 Jeremy Hill Road, North Stonington, and Parcel No. 90-1-1 Jeremy Hill Road, Stonington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Hammerling moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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. Decision.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1626 – North Franklin Solar One, LLC and Verogy Holdings, 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 4.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 931 Route 32, Franklin, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Syme moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending paragraph 6 on page 4 of the staff report to include that NFSO has not had any discussion with Eversource regarding the possibility of reducing/minimizing the number of poles required for the electric distribution level interconnection, but has had similar discussions with Eversource for other projects and that pad-mounted equipment should be standard operating procedure for both the customer-side and the utility side of the electric distribution level interconnection for solar facilities;

and amending Condition No. 8 to include how water will be supplied to the site in case of a fire; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1634 – IPB Fuel Cell 1, LLC and IPB Fuel Cell 2, LLC (FuelCell Energy, 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 customer-side 1-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Innovation Partnership Building on the University of Connecticut campus, 159 Discovery Drive, Storrs (Mansfield), 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 December 24, 2024; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 7

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 7. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

7. **TS-VER-077-240712 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 250 Olcott Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.**
8. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 522, Thursday, August 22, 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, August 27, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, August 29, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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