



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 29, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 29, 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
Bill Syme

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

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 15, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 513 - The Towers LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 518 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and Tarpon Towers III, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Morissette stated that they read the record for this proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme and Presiding Officer Morissette voting in favor of the proposed facility with the development and management plan conditions to construct a monopine tower that blends in with the existing treescape in the surrounding area as shown in Photo 4 (South Main Street) and Photo 23 (Brentwood Drive) of the Visibility Analysis submitted as Attachment 9 to the application; install a yield point to ensure the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the host parcel, and provide a feasibility analysis of a natural gas connection for the emergency backup generator and a cost comparison between natural-gas fueled and diesel-fueled emergency backup generation.

Presiding Officer Morissette directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. **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. Decision.**

On August 27, 2024, C-TEC submitted notice of withdrawal of the petition, which rendered this item moot.

6. **PETITION NO. 1637 – KCE CT 11, 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 4.99-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 100 Salmon Brook Street, Granby, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Request for Hearing. Requests for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve Town of Granby's request for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant Party Status to the Town of Granby; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carter moved to grant Party Status to Susan K. Okie; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carter moved to grant Party Status to David J. Bostic; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Party Status to James C. Larwood; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to group Susan K. Okie, David J. Bostic, and James C. Larwood as the Grouped Business Parties, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50n(c), on the basis of common interests; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1611, Tuesday, September 10, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, September 12, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

- Docket No. 523, Tuesday, September 24, 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, September 26, 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 1:40 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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