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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 12, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 12, 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

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

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr
Bill Syme

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 29, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of August 29, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 515 – The Towers LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located east of the Student Transportation Parking Lot at 180 School Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to install a natural gas line connection to fuel the emergency backup generator or provide a complete feasibility analysis and cost comparison in accordance with Condition 2d of the Council's August 18, 2023 Decision and Order for review and approval by the Council prior to the commencement of construction; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 520 – Homeland Towers, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Carter. 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

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. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

5. **PETITION NO. 1635 – 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 195-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Taft School, 110 Woodbury Road, Watertown, 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 January 18, 2025; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1636 – Bloom Energy Corporation 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 900-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Assa Abloy, 100 Sargent Drive, New Haven, 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 January 28, 2025; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **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. Schedule.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 8

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 8. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-VER-160-240819 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 109 Schofield Road, Willington, Connecticut. Decision.**

9. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- 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.
- Docket No. 524, Thursday, October 3, 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, October 10, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 525, Thursday, October 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, October 24, 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 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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