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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of November 7, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 7, 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
Bill Syme
Chance Carter

Eric Hammerling
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Elin Swanson Katz

Council Member Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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 October 24, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **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. 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. Hammerling, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Ms. Katz abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 527 – Windham Energy Center, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 325-megawatt battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review.**

Mr. Carter moved to reject the application as incomplete because it is premature for the Council to review this application due to the existence of a valid Council-issued Certificate for an electric generating facility at the 189 Lake Road site and allow the applicant to correct the deficiency, submit a request for an extension of time to correct the deficiency or withdraw the application no later than December 31, 2024; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1607 – Hanwha Q Cells America, 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 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at Parcel No. 95-F10-247-5 and 95-F10-247-5A, 163 State Pier Road, New London, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to take this item off the table: seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Syme moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion failed with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Hammerling, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to deny this petition due to the distance to the nearest property line as compared to the 300-foot evacuation zone recommended by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and associated public safety concerns; and Ms. Katz abstaining.

5. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion failed with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Hammerling, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to deny this petition due to distance to the nearest property line as compared to the 300-foot evacuation zone recommended by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and associated public safety concerns; and Ms. Katz abstaining.

6. **PETITION NO. 1641 - 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 on the roof of the Best Western Hotel and associated equipment at ground level located at 490 Saw Mill Road, West Haven, 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 Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40(c), as no later than December 26, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1643 – 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 2.95-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 77 Pompeo Road, Thompson, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Schedule.**

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

8. **Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Biennium Budget.**

Ms. Hall moved to take this item off the table; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carter moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 budgets for submission to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50v(b)(1)-(2); seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 9

9. **TS-ATT-161-241011 - New Cingular Wireless, PCS (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 144 Chestnut Hill Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Decision.**

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 9. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

10. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1637, Tuesday, November 19, 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, November 21, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Katz. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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