

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 5, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 5, 2024. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer John Morissette at 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Presiding Officer

Khristine Hall

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Council Members Absent:

Chance Carter Elin Swanson Katz Bill Syme

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 November 21, 2024.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. DOCKET NO. 414 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. Enforcement Action.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Consent Order with an additional condition to submit a Maintenance Plan Inspection Report every 6 months for the first year beginning in 2025 and annually thereafter that shall identify who conducted the inspection, the date of the inspection, and the maintenance actions taken, including photographic documentation; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

3. DOCKET NO. 524 - Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.625-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Fawn Meadow Lane (Parcel No. 029-018D), Woodbury, 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, as amended, Presiding Officer Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Golembiewski, Ms. Hall, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

4. PETITION NO. 1572 - East Windsor Solar Two, LLC 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 solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 31 Thrall Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Development and Management Plan.

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

5. 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. Decision.

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

6. PETITION NO. 1645 - VCP Mansfield LF, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at the former Mansfield Landfill, 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Lynch 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 April 13, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PETITION NO. 1646 - Kinsley Energy Systems, LLC (Kinsley Group, 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 300-kilowatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at the New Canaan YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Golembiewski 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 April 14, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1637, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 526, Thursday, December 12, 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, December 19, 2024, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

It was announced that the DEEP Draft Connecticut Siting Council Report, pursuant to Public Act 24-144, is available to view on-line on DEEP's Public Notices webpage.

Adjournment.

Ms. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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