



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 19, 2024

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 19, 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
Chance Carter
Khristine Hall
Elin Katz
Bill Syme

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifenychukwu 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 December 5, 2024.

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2024; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Carter, Ms. Katz, and Mr. Syme abstaining.

2. FORECAST-2024 - Connecticut Siting Council 2024 Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Draft Report.

Ms. Katz moved to approve the Draft Forecast of Electric Loads and Resources Report, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50r (a); seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 307 - SBA Infrastructure LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction and maintenance of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites at 71 Pleasant View Road, Derby, Connecticut. Enforcement Action.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Final Order imposing fines of \$1,000 per day from October 15, 2024, when the certified mail receipt for the Notice of Enforcement Action was signed; seconded by Mr. Syme.

After discussion, Mr. Carter amended his motion to approve the Final Order imposing a fine of \$5,000 with additional fines of \$500 per day if compliance with the Final Order is not reached by February 28, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The amended motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 517 – MCM Holdings, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Boy Scouts of America Camp Hoyt, 288 Simpaug Turnpike (Parcel No. 12-29), Redding, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Katz moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

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 in favor of approving the facility with a development and management plan condition to submit a Vernal Pool Protection Plan; and Ms. Katz and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1440A - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless amended petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on an extension of the support structure above the top of an existing billboard located on a commercial property at 115 Peat Meadow Road, New Haven, Connecticut. 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 4, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1647 - East Point Energy, 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 17.3-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at Parcel No. 25-25-1-BB-2, North Larkey Road, Oxford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnections. 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 April 21, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1648 - 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 Masonic Temple and associated equipment located at 25 East Center Street, Manchester, 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 January 29, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1649 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to its existing Falls Village Substation and associated equipment located at 35 Water Street, Canaan, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure replacement and improvements. 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 May 12, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, January 9, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1643, Thursday, January 16, 2025, **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, January 23, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1592A, Thursday, January 30, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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