



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting of January 9, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 9, 2025. 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  
Ifeyanyichukwu 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 19, 2024.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of December 19, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Motion for Protective Order – Facility Management Agreement Financial Terms.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b) and §16-50o, related to the disclosure of the financial terms contained within the facility management agreement that applies to the Greenwich facility and other Council-certificated facilities identified by the Certificate Holder in correspondence dated November 19, 2024 on the basis that it contains confidential, proprietary information; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record for this proceeding.

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, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Ms. Katz abstaining.

4. **DOCKET NO. 528 - 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 746 East Street, Andover, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

5. **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. 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. Golembiewski, Ms. Hall, Ms. Katz, Mr. Syme, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of approving the facility with conditions to provide a copy of the executed shared use agreement for facility site access prior to the commencement of construction; comply with DEEP recommended tree clearing restrictions to protect the Northern Long-eared bat; comply with state noise control standards; employ best management practices that include, but are not limited to, a site-specific Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan; provide a copy of the final Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to local emergency responders prior to commencement of operation, and provide emergency response training that includes an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment; provide a signed certification by the Fire Chief that training has been completed and the ERP is approved prior to commencement of operation; submit a copy of the building permit prior to commencement of operation; and submit a post-construction operational noise study that documents compliance with state standards and the identification of any noise mitigation measures that are employed to adhere to the standards, if necessary; Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Carter voting no; 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. 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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1650 – American Tower Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement of an existing telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 164 County Road Rear, Wolcott, 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 18, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. 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-062-241209 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- 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.**

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Katz. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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