



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting of January 23, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 23, 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  
Ifenyichukwu 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 January 9, 2025.

Ms. Katz moved to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 526 – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.999-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Lantern Hill Road (Parcel No. 169-1-4), Stonington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact.**

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

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, Ms. Katz, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette in favor of approving the facility with the Development and Management Plan conditions to include a site-specific Aquifer Protection Plan; a final Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan; a Fuel Materials Storage Plan; a Spotted Turtle Protection Plan, and a Landscaping Plan to mitigate views of the facility from the properties located at 209, 216, 221, and 227 Lantern Hill Road; maintain a 50-foot buffer for the construction limits of disturbance to archeological resource area Locus 2; and install pad-mounted electrical equipment above the Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplain elevation; and with the Decision and Order conditions to submit a copy of the final Emergency Response Plan to local emergency responders prior to commencement of operation, and provide emergency response training that includes an itemized list of necessary fire suppression equipment and adequate water supplies for any fire issues at the facility site; conduct 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; and furnish a bond for costs associated with decommissioning the facility and restoration of the prime farmland soils within the boundaries of the site as identified in Application Figure 7 at the end of the solar facility's useful life in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(a) and the site lease agreement.

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

3. **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, 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, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme, Ms. Katz, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; with Mr. Carter and Mr. Lynch voting no.

4. **PETITION NO. 1638 – LSE Sextans LLC and LSE Sextans II LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Parcel Nos. 221-3-1 and 222-4-26, Lovers Lane, Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Ms. Katz moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a Partial Development and Management Plan that includes the installation of an agricultural-style fence, a final Landscaping Plan, an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, a Construction Sequence/Phasing Plan; a Jack and Bore Construction Plan, a Wood Turtle Protection Plan, a Traffic Management Plan, and provisions for an on-site Environmental Monitor during construction that include the submission of construction status reports; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1639 – T-Mobile Northeast LLC (T-Mobile) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit as-built drawings of the facility modifications upon completion of construction; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1640 - 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 the proposed Towantic Substation to Beacon Falls Junction Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 4.6 miles of two of its existing electric transmission line right-of-ways shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1142, 1319, 1403, 1580, 1619, and 1808 Lines between Towantic Substation, Christian Street Junction and Beacon Falls Junction in Oxford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1651 - Fairy Lake, 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 to be located at 380 New London Road, Salem, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnections. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to table this item; seconded by Mr. Lynch. 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-163-241226 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 83 Windham Street, Windham, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, February 6, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 528, Thursday, February 13, 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, February 20, 2025, 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 2:06 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman", written in a cursive style.

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

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