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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of May 1, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 1, 2025. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chair Elin Katz, at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Elin Katz

Chair

John Morissette

Vice Chair

Chance Carter

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Khristine Hall

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

Announcement:

Chair Katz announced the passing of Council Office Assistant Lisa Mathews on April 26, 2025. Ms. Mathews was employed at the Council for over 10 years. She was a warm and welcoming presence at the front of the Council office and will be dearly missed.

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of April 17, 2025.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Vice Chair Morissette moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Vice Chair Morissette, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Chair Katz voting in favor of the proposed facility.

3. **DOCKET NO. 533 – 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 161 Conrad Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) intervenor status; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to grant T-Mobile Northeast LLC intervenor status; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 534 - The Towers, LLC 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 90 Woodstock Avenue West (Route 171), Woodstock, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 535 - The Towers, LLC 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 835 Norwich Worcester Turnpike (Route 169), Woodstock, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1558 – Community Power Group 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-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with a correction to the second sentence of paragraph 5 on page 2 of the April 25, 2025 Draft Staff Report from, “*The inverters will be a minimum distance of 203 feet from the nearest property line,*” to “*The inverters are approximately 145 feet from the nearest property line*” and the conditions to revise the facility interconnection to an underground configuration commencing from the electrical pad, transitioning to an overhead configuration to span the stormwater controls, then to the electrical interconnection equipment area to eliminate the installation of three utility poles prior to commencement of construction; relocate the inverter bank to a minimum distance of 200 feet from the nearest property line prior to commencement of construction; and submit a revised noise analysis based on the new location of the inverters prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1657 – 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 15-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 337 Elm Street, West Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnections. 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 September 10, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1658 - VFS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of an 850-kilowatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at the University of Connecticut Depot Campus, 44 Weaver Road, Storrs (Mansfield), 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 September 14, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar – Item No. 9

Chair Katz introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 9. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

9. **TS-T-MOBILE-068-250327 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. Decision.**

10. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting and public hearing dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 531, Thursday, May 8, 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, May 15, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 530, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 533, Thursday, May 22, 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, May 29, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chair Katz. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Katz adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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