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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of May 29, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 29, 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

Khristine Hall

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Council Members Absent:

Chance Carter

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 May 15, 2025.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 492A - Gravel Pit Solar Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 120-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on eight parcels generally located to the east and west of the Amtrak and Connecticut Rail Line, south of Apothecaries Hall Road and north of the South Windsor town boundary in East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical inter-connection. Reopening of this Certificate based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Schedule. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Vice Chair Morissette moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

The Town of East Windsor's May 8, 2025 Request for a Public Hearing was rendered moot by the Council vote to approve the schedule for a public hearing on October 9, 2025.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Party Status to the Town of East Windsor; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

3. **DOCKET NO. 519 - The Towers LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 11 Chamberlain Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

4. **DOCKET NO. 529 – Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco 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 Parcel No. 65-002-1, Old Chester Road North, Haddam, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Chair Katz took a final vote of each Council member with Vice Chair Morissette, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Lynch, and Chair Katz voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

5. **DOCKET NO. 532 – LSE Serpens LLC (Lodestar Energy) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment on 13 parcels located south of West Hill Road Road (Parcel Nos. 253/003/018; 253/003/033 through 043 and 053-003-045), Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Vice Chair Morissette moved to grant Party Status to the City of Torrington; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **DOCKET NO. 538 - 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 1022 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

7. **DOCKET NO. 539 - 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 424 Storrs Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1278C - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Medtronic Inc., third request to amend its Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of an additional customer-side 1,040-kilowatt fuel cell facility to be located at the Medtronic campus, 60 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Hall 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 October 11, 2025; seconded by Vice Chair Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1406A - Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 9.66-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 600 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to the United Illuminating Company's existing Congress Street Substation. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen and Chair Katz abstaining.

10. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the end of the first sentence of paragraph 4 on page 5 of the staff report under “Proposed Facility and Associated Equipment”, to include “*over a 4 hour period;*” including the following paragraph under “Fire Protection” on page 8 of the staff report in lieu of paragraph 2: “*Lithium iron phosphate batteries utilize an iron-based chemistry that do not contain toxic heavy metals such as cobalt or nickel, which can be found in other battery chemistries. Lithium iron phosphate batteries are less prone to thermal runaway and have a higher tolerance for extreme temperatures. Other BESF safety factors include module design, module configuration, battery management and safety features, fire protection systems, and the location of the BESF;*” and the additional conditions to consult with Eversource as to the feasibility of reducing the visual impact of the electrical interconnection by reducing the number of utility poles, the feasibility of installing pad-mounted equipment on the customer side of the electrical interconnection and the feasibility of installing pad-mounted equipment on the Eversource side of the electrical interconnection; and to provide written notification to the Council if a different type of Lithium iron battery than what is proposed will be installed at the site; seconded by Vice Chair Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

- 11. PETITION NO. 1653 – 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 20-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 1825 South Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnections. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the end of the first sentence of paragraph 4 on page 5 of the staff report under “Proposed Facility and Associated Equipment”, to include “*over a 4 hour period;*” including the following paragraph under “Fire Protection” on page 8 of the staff report in lieu of paragraph 2: “*Lithium iron phosphate batteries utilize an iron-based chemistry that do not contain toxic heavy metals such as cobalt or nickel, which can be found in other battery chemistries. Lithium iron phosphate batteries are less prone to thermal runaway and have a higher tolerance for extreme temperatures. Other BESF safety factors include module design, module configuration, battery management and safety features, fire protection systems, and the location of the BESF,*” and the additional conditions to consult with Eversource as to the feasibility of reducing the visual impact of the electrical interconnection by reducing the number of utility poles, the feasibility of installing pad-mounted equipment on the customer side of the electrical interconnection and the feasibility of installing pad-mounted equipment on the Eversource side of the electrical interconnection; and to provide written notification to the Council if a different type of Lithium iron battery than what is proposed will be installed at the site; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 12 - 16

Chair Katz introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 12-16. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

- 12. TS-T-MOBILE-021-250422 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 188 Route 7, Canaan (Falls Village), Connecticut. Decision.**
- 13. TS-T-MOBILE-153-250422 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 655 Bassett Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Decision.**
- 14. TS-T-MOBILE-169A-250422 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 350 Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Decision.**

15. **TS-T-MOBILE-169B-250422 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-T-MOBILE-053-250425 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 36 Ayer Road, Franklin, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Docket No. 532, Thursday, June 5, 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, June 12, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 26, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Katz adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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