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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 12, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chair Morissette, at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Vice Chair
Chance Carter
Khristine Hall
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

Announcement.

Vice Chair Morissette announced the resignation of Elin Katz as Chair of the Connecticut Siting Council. Vice Chair Morissette thanked her for her service and wished her well in future endeavors.

1. Minutes of May 29, 2025.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of May 29, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Carter and Mr. Syme abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 516R – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut. Court-ordered Remand Regarding Connecticut Siting Council’s February 15, 2024 Final Decision pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-183(j). Draft Remand Findings of Fact.**

Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Syme stated that they read the record for this proceeding and confirmed their acquaintance with the issues raised and the evidence and arguments presented during the proceedings held on this application.

After reviewing the Draft Remand Findings of Fact, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a nonbinding straw poll of the Council members with Ms. Hall voting no based on wetland, cultural and residential impacts; Mr. Carter voting no based on cultural and residential impacts; Mr. Nguyen voting no based on an insufficient record; Mr. Syme voting no based on concerns raised in the record; Mr. Golembiewski voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1; Vice Chair Morissette voting yes for the proposed Project/Alternative 1; and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft an unfavorable Remand Opinion and Remand Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. **DOCKET NO. 525 – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1463A – CF Mulnite, LLC Amended Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.0- megawatt (MW) AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at a Mulnite Farms, Inc. parcel off Wapping Road, and a 4.0 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at a Mulnite Farms, Inc. parcel off Miller Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to shift the inverters associated with the western array further toward the center of the site a minimum distance of 150 feet from the nearest property line; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

5. **PETITION NO. 1611 – LSE Scutum LLC and LSE Bootes LLC (Lodestar Energy) Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.93-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 141 Town Farm Road, and Parcel Nos. 86-326 and 86-164, Abbe Road, Enfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a written determination from Eversource as to the feasibility of consolidating the two electrical interconnections prior to the commencement of construction in accordance with Condition No. 2a of the Council's October 24, 2025 Declaratory Ruling; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1662 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on a new approximately 40-foot privately-owned replacement light pole at the Hebron Lions Fairgrounds located at 347 Gilead Street, Hebron, 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 the Third Report and Order of the Federal Communications Commission, Section 4-176(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1663 – 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 a customer-side 920-kilowatt fuel cell facility collocated with a 1.99-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to be located at the Quinnipiac University York Hill Campus, 305 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 21, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1664 – 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 a customer-side 920-kilowatt fuel cell facility collocated with a 1.99-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at the Quinnipiac University North Haven Campus, 370 Bassett Road, North Haven, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 October 28, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 9 - 10

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 9 - 10. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

9. **TS-T-MOBILE-144-250515 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Jeffrey Place, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-T-MOBILE-120-250520 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 377 Southbury Road, Roxbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. Administrative Matters

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 26, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, July 10, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing. - **CANCELED**

Adjournment.

Ms. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:03 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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