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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 7, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 7, 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.

Council Member Absent:

Dr. Scott C. Williams

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst 2
Ifeyanichukwu 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 July 24, 2025.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of July 24, 2025; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 542 – 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 Parcel No. 151-1-1, Pequotsepos Road, Stonington (Mystic), 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.

4. **PETITION NO. 1589R – USS Somers Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Court-granted Voluntary Remand Regarding Connecticut Siting Council Vote on Final Decision - Motion to Reopen.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Motion to Reopen; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1654 - Tunnel BESS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.02-megawatt (MW) AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment to replace the existing approximately 17-megawatt kerosene-fueled Tunnel Jet electric generating facility and associated equipment located adjacent to FirstLight Power, Inc.'s Tunnel Hydroelectric Generating Station, 72 Roosevelt Avenue Extension, Preston, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the first sentence of the first and third paragraphs under “Proposed Facility and Associated Equipment” on page 5 of the staff report to refer to TBL’s selection of “*lithium-iron phosphate (LFP) battery storage*”

units due to safety, longevity and moderate cost.” and amending the first sentence of the second paragraph under “Fire Protection” on page 7 of the staff report to include “LFP 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. LFP batteries are less prone to thermal runaway and have a higher tolerance for extreme temperatures”; and the additional condition 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 Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1657 – East Point Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the 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. Motion for Protective Order – Response to Council Interrogatory No. 15 – Lease Agreement Financial Terms. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to CGS §1-210(b), related to the disclosure of financial terms contained within the lease agreement; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion failed with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to deny this petition due to distance to the nearest residential property line, the DOT railroad right-of-way and the gas station and associated public safety concerns.

7. **PETITION NO. 1667 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and installation of associated equipment located at the Town Public Safety Complex, 293 Elm Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1672 – 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 Portland Substation to Hopewell Substation Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 9.14 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1759 Line right-of-way between Portland Substation in Portland and Hopewell Substation in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. 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 December 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

9. **PETITION NO. 1673 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T), and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (T-Mobile) joint petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and installation of associated equipment located at the Burlington Fire Department, 719 George Washington Turnpike, Burlington, 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 November 13, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1674 – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.99-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located on seven parcels (Parcel Nos. 1304-1740-16 through 1304-1740-24 and 1304-1240-118) on Soundview Drive and Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to add the August 5, 2025 Town of Woodbridge Request for Intervenor Status to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to grant the August 5, 2025 Town of Woodbridge Request for Intervenor Status; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

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 December 17, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1675 – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.25-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located on two parcels at 994 and 1010 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, 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 December 20, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PETITION NO. 1676 – Homestead Fuel Cell 1, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 7.5-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment located at 235 Brainard Road, Hartford, 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 December 23, 2025; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Carter and Mr. Lynch recusing.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 13 – 14

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 13 - 14. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

13. **TS-T-MOBILE-139-250709 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 174 South Grand Street, Suffield, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-VER-017-250711 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1214 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**

15. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 536, Thursday, August 14, 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, August 21, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 537, Thursday, August 28, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Mr. Golembiewski complimented staff for their efforts with approximately 47 active dockets and petitions.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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