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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of October 2, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 2, 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 (arrived at 1:04 p.m.)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Eric Hammerling

(temporary designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Dr. Scott C. Williams

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 September 18, 2025.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Hammerling abstaining.

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). Request for Party Status.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Party status to Douglas King; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed

with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Party status to George and Judi Gilson and group them with Party Paula Stolinas pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50n(c), on the basis of common interests; seconded Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

3. **DOCKET NO. 530 – 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 196 East Haddam-Colchester Turnpike, East Haddam, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Syme moved to deny the Applicants Objection to the Longobardis' comments on the Council's September 18, 2025 Draft Findings of Fact on the basis that comments on Draft Findings of Fact are not part of the evidentiary record as they are submitted after the record closes and are not subject to cross-examination by the Council and the parties to the proceeding; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Hammerling, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Dr. Williams, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

4. **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. Roy Motion to Dismiss/Motion for Stay of Proceeding.**

Ms. Hall moved to deny Roys' Motion to Dismiss/Motion for Stay of Proceeding based on the absence of actual bias, the consistency of the current Council membership with the requirements of the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act (PUESA) and Connecticut General Statutes §4-9a, and the existence of a quorum of Council members to act on the subject application are in accordance with PUESA; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1395B – Windham Solar LLC request to amend its Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of one 1.0-megawatt (MW) and one 0.99 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities located at 31 Benz Street and an additional 1.0-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an abutting parcel located at 135 Hill Street, Ansonia, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this amended declaratory ruling with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to shift the transformers and inverters a minimum distance of 200 feet from the Shortell Drive cul-de-sac, seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1589B – USS Somers Solar, 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Reopening of August 2, 2024 Final Decision on Remand not to Issue a Declaratory Ruling based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). 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 February 3, 2026; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1669 – VFS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 460-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment located at Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to report the results of the meeting with the City Chief Building official prior to commencement of construction, seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1671 – TRITEC Energy Development, LLC (TRITEC Americas, 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 1-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 95 Old Colchester Road, Salem, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions to redesign the electrical interconnection so that the five proposed distribution poles are not parallel with Norwich Road and shift the transformer pad and inverters a minimum distance of 200 feet from the nearest property line; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **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 proposed 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. Motion for Protective Order – Response to Council Interrogatory No. 3 – Cost Information.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to CGS §1-210(b), related to the disclosure of project costs, cost recovery mechanisms and energy pricing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Carter recusing.

10. **PETITION NO. 1687 – Plainfield Solar One, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Parcel No. 002-053A-0058, Exley Road, Plainfield, 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 February 11, 2026; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1688 – 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 1.2-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 81 and 93 Lake Street, Manchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Request for Hearing.**

Mr. Syme moved to approve Town of Manchester's request for a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 12-13

12. **TS-T-MOBILE-032-250908 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 104 Folly Lane, Coventry, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-T-MOBILE-041-250908 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 33 Neptune Avenue, East Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.**

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 12-13. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

14. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 492A, Thursday, October 9, 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, October 16, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 540, Thursday, October 23, 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, October 30, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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