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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of October 16, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 16, 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 1:09 p.m.)

(Mr. Syme was absent for Item No. 1.)

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Vice Chairman Arconti)

Dr. Scott C. Williams

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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 October 2, 2025.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of October 2, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

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, Draft Remand Opinion, Draft Remand Decision and Order, and Draft Remand Conclusions of Law.**

Ms. Hall moved to deny the October 15, 2025 joint request from the Town of Fairfield, City of Bridgeport and SCNET Group to extend the Council’s vote on this matter for 6-months; seconded by Dr. Williams. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Lynch voting no. Mr. Syme was not present for the vote.

After reviewing a favorable draft Remand Findings of Fact, Remand Opinion, Remand Decision and Order, and Remand Conclusions of Law, Vice Chair Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Ms. Hall, Dr. Williams, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the draft Remand Findings of Fact, Remand Opinion, Remand Decision and Order, and Remand Conclusions of Law; and Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, and Mr. Lynch voting to deny the draft Remand Findings of Fact, Remand Opinion, Remand Decision and Order, and Remand Conclusions of Law. The application was denied.

3. **DOCKET NO. 536 – 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 78 Goshen East Street, Norfolk, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, as amended, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Dr. Williams, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette in favor of approving the facility with the Development and Management Plan condition to submit a final Invasive Species Control Plan.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. **PETITION NO. 1645A – VCP Mansfield LF, LLC d/b/a Verogy request to amend its Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at the former Mansfield Landfill, 221 Warrentown Road, 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 March 4, 2026; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1665 – TRITEC Energy Development, LLC (TRITEC Americas, 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-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 74 Bokum Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending Condition No. 4 on page 10 of the staff report to include, “...and a final Resource Protection Plan that includes implementation of DEEP-recommended mitigation and protection measures for the listed species”; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, and Dr. Williams voting no.

6. **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. Decision.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1677 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 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 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **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. Schedule.**

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

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

9. **TS-T-MOBILE-069-250915 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 520 Bailey Hill Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-ATT-144-250918 – AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Jeffrey Place, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

11. Administrative Matters

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

- 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. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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