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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of October 30, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 30, 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 Elect Wiehl)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Member Absent:

Dr. Scott C. Williams

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

1. Minutes of October 16, 2025.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Minutes of October 16, 2025; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **FORECAST 2025 - Connecticut Siting Council 2025 Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Public Comment Session Schedule.**

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 495A - Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. Request to Modify Notice of Enforcement Action.**

PETITION NO. 1470 – Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the installation of a temporary telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. Request to Modify Notice of Enforcement Action.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the consent order for Docket No. 495A and Petition No. 1470; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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 to Close Evidentiary Record and to Specify a Schedule for Post-Hearing Briefs.**

Ms. Hall moved to close the evidentiary record and set November 29, 2025 as the deadline for submission of briefs and proposed findings of fact; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **DOCKET NO. 536 – Tarpon Towers III, 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 78 Goshen East Street, Norfolk, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and 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.

6. **DOCKET NO. 537 – 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 327 North Anguilla Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting in favor of the facility.

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

7. **DOCKET NO. 544 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, 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 577 West Main Street (Route 82), Norwich, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Annual Review.**

Ms. Hall moved that no revisions be made to the Council's current Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields, dated December 30, 2022; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1595 – HyAxiom, Inc. Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 4.14-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 35 North Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. City of Ansonia Motion to Reopen and Reverse Declaratory Ruling. City of Ansonia Request for Party Status.**

Ms. Hall moved to deny the motion to Reopen and Reverse the Declaratory Ruling; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

The City of Ansonia's Request for Party Status was rendered moot.

10. **PETITION NO. 1668 – Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI) 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 3.9-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment located at 35 North Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to deny this petition; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1671 – TRITEC Energy Development, LLC (TRITEC Americas, LLC) 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 95 Old Colchester Road, Salem, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Motion for Clarification on Declaratory Ruling Condition Nos. 8 and 9.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Motion for Clarification deeming Condition Nos. 8 and 9 satisfied and amending Condition Nos. 8 and 9 of the Declaratory Ruling to include “*or to the extent feasible*”; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PETITION NO. 1689 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on an existing Eversource Energy-owned electric transmission line structure located within an existing Eversource Energy transmission line right-of-way adjacent to 640 Westport Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional condition to submit pre- and post-construction photographs of the wetland area where temporary construction matting is utilized; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **PETITION NO. 1690 – 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 Haddam Substation to East Haddam Junction Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 1.5 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1772 Line and 345-kV 348 Line shared right-of-way and associated Connecticut River Crossing between Haddam Substation in Haddam and East Haddam Junction in East Haddam, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Request for Intervenor/CEPA Intervenor Status. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Request for Public Hearing.**

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Request for Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor status to the Connecticut River Gateway Commission; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Request for a Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion failed with Mr. Golembiewski and Mr. Nguyen voting yes and Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Mr. Syme, Mr.

Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting no and 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 18, 2026.

14. **PETITION NO. 1691 – 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 proposed modifications to its existing Stevenson Substation and associated equipment located at 1 Roosevelt Drive, Monroe, 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 March 22, 2026; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Revised Budget.**

Ms. Hall moved to present the budget to the energy and telecommunications industries for comment; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 16 - 17

16. **TS-VER-004-250926 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Redwood Lane, Avon, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-T-MOBILE-077-250929 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 250 Olcott Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.**

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 16 - 17. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Nguyen recusing from Item No. 16, and Mr. Lynch recusing from Item No. 17.

18. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Docket No. 541, Thursday, November 6, 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, November 13, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 492A, Tuesday, November 18, 2025, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 542, Thursday, November 20, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:18 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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