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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 11, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 11, 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

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Eric Hammerling

(temporary designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Elect Wiehl)

Dr. Scott C. Williams

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman

Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst 2

Adam Morrone

Siting Analyst 1

Christina Walsh

Supervising Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst 2

Recording Secretary:

Dakota LaFountain

1. Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2025.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Special Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. DOCKET NO. 520 – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 124 Ague Spring Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Ms. Hall moved to grant the Transfer of Certificate to Infra Towers, LLC; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

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 for Extension of Time.

Ms. Hall moved to deny the Motion for Extension of Time on the basis that the Roys had more than 90 days from the first evidentiary hearing session held on September 11, 2025 to prepare for the continued evidentiary hearing session scheduled for December 16, 2025; seconded by Dr. Williams. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

5. 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. Request for Intervenor Status.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor status to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

6. DOCKET NO. 545 – 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 306 Flanders Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Request for Intervenor Status.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Intervenor status to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 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. Decision.

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the first sentence of the fifth paragraph under “Proposed Facility and Associated Equipment” on page 5 of the staff report to replace “*equipment pad*” with “*pad-mounted metering cabinets*” and the additional condition to submit a copy of the final Visual Mitigation Plan prior to commencement of construction, seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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. **Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, amending the first sentence of the fifth paragraph under “Proposed Facility and Associated Equipment” on page 5 of the staff report to replace “*equipment pad*” with “*pad-mounted metering cabinets*”; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1678** – 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 West Devon Junction to Devon Substation Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 2.17 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1483, 1545, 1580 and 1590 Lines right-of-way and approximately 0.17 miles of its existing 115-kV 1710 and 1730 Lines located on Eversource-owned property on each side of the Housatonic River Crossing between West Devon Junction in Stratford and Devon Substation in Milford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Decision.**

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

10. **PETITION NO. 1679** – 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 Scovill Rock Switching Station to East of Hurd State Park Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 2.4 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1772 Line and 345-kV 376 and 362 Lines shared right-of-way and associated Connecticut River Crossing between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Structure 19098 in Haddam traversing the municipalities of Middletown, East Hampton, and Haddam, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Decision.**

Mr. Syme moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and a correction to the fifth paragraph under “*Cost*” on page 5 of the staff report to read: “*Annual O&M costs are estimated at about \$29,636 per mile for the 1772, 376 and 362 Lines with an O&M cost escalation rate of 2 percent. Initial electrical loss costs are projected to be \$427,042 on average per circuit mile per year with an annual load growth of 2 percent. Utilizing a 40-year study period and 8 percent discount rate, the total life cycle cost would be approximately \$152.9M for the proposed Project*”; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1693 – 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 wireless facility on a new Eversource-owned utility pole that is less than 50 feet in height and is not used principally for electric distribution service, and associated equipment within the public right of way adjacent to 18 Highland Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

12. **PETITION NO. 1694 – 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 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment accessed from Old Maids Lane in Glastonbury and located on a parcel south of the Glastonbury town boundary (Parcel No. 119/0014) in Portland, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party Status. Request for Intervenor Status. Walsh Motion to Waive Hard Copy Filing Requirement. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Request for Public Hearing.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Party status to the Town of Glastonbury; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Carter moved to grant the Town of Glastonbury Request for a Public Hearing; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Carter moved to grant Intervenor status to Charles Walsh of Glastonbury; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant Charles Walsh's Motion to Waive Hard Copy Filing Requirement; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion failed with Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Hammerling and Ms. Hall voting yes; Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Syme, and Vice Chair Morissette voting no; and Mr. Lynch recusing.

13. **PETITION NO. 1695 – LSE Phobos LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.05-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 166 South Street, Morris, 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 May 2, 2026; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

14. PETITION NO. 1696 – Terryville Solar One, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 270 Preston Road, Plymouth, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Lynch moved to table this item until the regular meeting scheduled for January 8, 2026, seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Revised Budget.

Ms. Hall moved to adopt the revised Fiscal Year 2027 budget for submission to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50v(b)(1)-(2); seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Hammerling abstaining.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 16 - 20

16. TS-VER-148-251027 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 316 Woodhouse Avenue, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

17. TS-VER-011-251027 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 28 Brewer Drive, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.

18. TS-VER-039-251030 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 71 Ashford Road, Eastford, Connecticut. Decision.

19. TS-VER-162-251110 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 428 Platt Hill Road, Winchester, Connecticut. Decision.

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 16-19. The Consent Calendar was adopted with Mr. Lynch recusing from Item No. 17 and Mr. Hammerling recusing from Item No. 18.

20. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 538, Tuesday, December 16, 2025, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

- Petition No. 1688, Thursday, December 18, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 492A, Tuesday, January 6, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, January 8, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 543, Tuesday, January 13, 2025, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 544, Thursday, January 15, 2026, **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, January, 22, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 545, Thursday, January 29, 2026, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.

Vice Chair Morissette wished everyone happy holidays and thanked the Council Members and staff.

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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