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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of February 5, 2026**

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026. 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  
Quat Nguyen  
(designee for Chairman Elect Wiehl)  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
Emma Cimino (Agenda Item No. 2 only)  
(Department of Energy and Environmental  
Protection Deputy Commissioner,  
Environmental Quality Branch)  
Bill Syme

**Council 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. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026; seconded by Mr. Syme. 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). Reconsideration of Remand Final Decision, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(a). Draft Reconsideration Findings of Fact, Reconsideration Opinion, Reconsideration Decision and Order, and Reconsideration Conclusions of Law.**

Commissioner Dykes and Mr. Golembiewski, designee for Commissioner Dykes, recused from taking action on this item. Deputy Commissioner Emma Cimino is the designee on behalf of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for this item.

After reviewing the Draft Reconsideration Findings of Fact, draft Reconsideration Opinion, draft Reconsideration Decision and Order, and draft Reconsideration Conclusions of Law not to issue a Certificate, Vice Chair Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Deputy Commissioner Cimino; Mr. Nguyen; Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter; Mr. Syme; and Mr. Lynch voting to approve the Draft Reconsideration Findings of Fact, Reconsideration Opinion, Reconsideration Decision and Order, and Reconsideration Conclusions of Law; and Vice Chair Morissette voting to deny the Draft Reconsideration Findings of Fact, Reconsideration Opinion, Reconsideration Decision and Order, and Reconsideration Conclusions of Law. The application was denied.

Deputy Commissioner Cimino left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

3. **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 (Parcel Nos. 253/003/018; 253/003/033 through 043 and 053-003-045), Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Golembiewski returned to the meeting as DEEP designee at 1:25 p.m.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, draft Opinion, and draft Decision and Order not to issue a Certificate, Vice Chair Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Golembiewski; Mr. Nguyen; Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; Mr. Syme voting to deny the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; and Mr. Lynch recusing. The application was denied.

4. **DOCKET NO. 535 - 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 835 Norwich Worcester Turnpike (Route 169), Woodstock, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, draft Opinion, and draft Decision and Order to issue a Certificate, 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. The application was approved.

5. **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). Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, draft Opinion, and draft Decision and Order to issue a Declaratory Ruling, 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. The facility was approved.

6. **PETITION NO. 1686 – 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 4.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 54 South Street, Morris, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a status update on any concerns expressed during the rescheduled community meeting prior to the commencement of construction; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to consult with Eversource Energy to determine the feasibility of installing the customer-side distribution poles farther into the facility site; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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. Decision.**

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

9. **PETITION NO. 1698 – LSE Lynx LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.65-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 140 Nod Road, Simsbury, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Schedule.**

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

10. **PETITION NO. 1701 – Shepaug 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 AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located adjacent to FirstLight Power, Inc.'s Shepaug Generating Station, 2225 River Road, Southbury, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 June 8, 2026; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed unanimously.

## 11. **Administrative Matters**

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

- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing
- Docket No. 543, Tuesday, February 24, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 542, Thursday, February 26, 2026, **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 2:06 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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**RECUSAL AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY REGARDING CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

I have recused myself and Brian Golembiewski, DEEP designee on Connecticut Siting Council business, from taking action as a member of the Siting Council on Docket Nos. 516 and 516R. My designee at the Siting Council on these docket items is Emma Cimino, Deputy Commissioner of the Department's Environmental Quality Branch.



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Katie S. Dykes  
Commissioner

February 5, 2026

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Date