



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting of May 14, 2026

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 14, 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

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Dr. Scott C. Williams

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Wiehl)

Council Members Absent:

Khristine Hall

Bill Syme

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman

Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst 2

Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo

Siting Analyst 1

Eslam Elgazar

Siting Analyst Trainee

Christina Walsh

Supervising Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst 2

Adam Morrone

Siting Analyst 1

Dakota LaFountain

Office Assistant

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2026.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2026; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen abstaining.

2. DOCKET NO. 503 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the Transfer of Certificate to TowerCo VI, LLC; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 504 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Lot N-4, Sequin Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Transfer of Certificate to TowerCo VI, LLC; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

1. **DOCKET NO. 531 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 62 and 64 Pershing Drive, Ansonia, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Transfer of Certificate to TowerCo VI, LLC; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 537 – The Towers, LLC 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. 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. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility with a Development and Management Plan condition to consult with Cellco regarding deployment of a natural gas-fueled emergency backup generator and submit a feasibility study of bringing natural gas service to the tower compound to supply the emergency backup generator including, but not limited to, cost to install the natural gas service and a cost comparison of natural-gas-fueled, diesel-fueled and propane-fueled emergency backup generators.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. **DOCKET NO. 547 – 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 0 and 59 Broad Brook Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Lynch is recused from this item.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility; and Mr. Lynch recusing.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. **DOCKET NO. 552 – Crown Castle Towers; Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless; and T-Mobile Northeast, 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 445 Putnam Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of Transcript.**

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

6. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Carter 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 electrical interconnection underground from Utility Pole No. 1 to Utility Pole No. 6, then overhead beginning at Riser Utility Pole No. 7; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen voting no.

7. **PETITION NO. 1707 – 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 680 Line Partial Rebuild Project consisting of: (a) replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 0.3 miles of its existing 69-kilovolt (kV) 680 Line right-of-way between Black Rock Substation and Burritt Substation in New Britain, Connecticut; (b) installation of temporary backup generation**

at Burritt Substation; and (c) related substation and electric transmission line structure improvements. 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 Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than September 28, 2026; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

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8. **TS-VER-137-260413 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 107 Wilcox Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-VER-058-260415 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications tower located at 2172 Glasgo Road, Griswold, Connecticut. Decision.**

Vice Chair Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 11-12. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

10. Administrative Matters

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

- Docket No. 548, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 28, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 550, Thursday, June 4, 2026, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment** session beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1698, Tuesday, June 9, 2026, continued evidentiary hearing session beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, June 11, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Executive Director discussed that if Raised House Bill No. 5340 -An Act Concerning Renewable Power Generation, is signed by the Governor, there would be a one-year moratorium on solar development in the Towns of Enfield and East Windsor.

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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