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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of April 27, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer John Morissette at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Presiding Officer
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Robert Silvestri

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Ifeyanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Adam N. Morrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of April 13, 2023.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2023; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 508 - The United Illuminating Company (UI) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River 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 to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI's existing Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest and West River substations along approximately 9.5 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Metro-North Railroad corridor traversing the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order – Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database Species Protection Plan.**

Mr. Lynch moved to table this item for further review; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1339 – Wallingford Renewable Energy LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 19.99 MW AC ground-mounted solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on approximately 158 acres of 3 contiguous parcels consisting of the former Wallingford Landfill and 2 parcels owned by the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority west of Pent Road and associated electrical interconnection to Wallingford Electric Division's Wallingford Substation in Wallingford, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order – Final Report.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1561 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 350-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Naugatuck Valley Community College, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, Connecticut. 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 Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than September 17, 2023; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1562 – 524 NLR 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 3.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 524 New London Road, Colchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri 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 17, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1563 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 250-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Manchester Community College, 14 Great Path, Manchester, Connecticut. 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 Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than September 18, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

7. **PETITION NO. 1564 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 2-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, Connecticut. 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 18, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 8 – 10

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 8-10. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-DISH-135-230215 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 168 Catoona Lane, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **TS-VER-068-230330 – Cello Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-DISH-083-230403 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 290 Preston Avenue, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.**

11. Administrative Matters

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 513, Thursday, May 4, 2023, **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, May 11, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Petition No. 1558, Thursday, May 18, 2023, **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, May 25, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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