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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of August 31, 2023

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 31, 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
Robert Hannon
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
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of August 17, 2023.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of August 17, 2023; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 507 – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 222 Clintonville Road, North Branford, Connecticut. Request to Transfer Certificate.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 514 - Glenvale, LLC d/b/a Glenvale Solar application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 56 River Road, Putnam, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record of this proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, Presiding Officer Morissette took a final vote of each Council member with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, and Presiding Officer Morissette voting to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

4. **DOCKET NO. 517 – MCM Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Boy Scouts of America Camp Hoyt, 288 Simpaug Turnpike (Parcel No. 12-29), Redding, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript, Requests for Intervenor Status.**

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

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

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor status to Dorothy DeLuca; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1566 - 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 proposed Card Substation to Wawecus Junction Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along its existing 12.5-mile electric transmission right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) Nos. 1080/1490 and 1080/1070 Lines between Card Substation in Lebanon, Stockhouse Road Substation in Bozrah and Wawecus Junction in Norwich, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of Lebanon, Franklin, Bozrah and Norwich, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Spaulding and Yeisley Motion for Investigation of Illegal Work and False Statements by the Council's Executive Director and Objections to Council Proceedings, Scheduling of Motions, and Request for Immediate Hearing.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny with prejudice the Motion for Investigation of Illegal Work and False Statements, including the Motion for Procedural Conference and associated requested actions, the request for a site visit, the requests for a public hearing, the requests for investigations and any and all variations of these requests referenced in Spaulding's Motions, Objections and Clarification of Motions, and moved to grant Requested Action #12 for an additional discovery period with the condition that Spaulding and Eversource agree in writing to an extension of the Council's 180-day final decision deadline in Petition 1566 for a period no longer than an additional 180 days beyond October 9, 2023; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

6. **PETITION NO. 1575 – 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 Salisbury Substation located at 316 Indian Mountain Road, Salisbury, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1576 - 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 proposed Middletown Substation to Oxbow Junction Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 5.5 miles of its existing No. 1620 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line right of way between Middletown Substation in Middletown and Oxbow Junction in Haddam, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, as amended; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1577 - 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 proposed Frost Bridge to Noera Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 5 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1163 and 1550 Lines between Frost Bridge Substation in Watertown to Noera Substation in Waterbury, traversing the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Plymouth and Waterbury, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a Vernal Pool Protection Plan; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1581 - KCE CT 8, 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 4.9-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at 44 Skinner Street, East Hampton, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Motion for Protective Order – Response to Council Interrogatory No. 3 Cost Information.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, related to the disclosure of project costs, cost recovery mechanisms and energy pricing; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1583 - TRITEC Americas, 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 proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel Nos. 113-1 and 113-1-A, 428 Bethmour Road, Bethany, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Intervenor/CEPA Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to grant Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor status to Rural Bethany Association; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1584 - 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 the roof of a City-owned, multiuse building located at 1212 Main Street, Hartford, 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 October 12, 2023; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PETITION NO. 1585 - Endurant 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 4.9-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility located at 508 North Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. 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 January 10, 2024; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 13 – 15

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 13 - 15. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

13. **TS-DISH-158-230724 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 92 Greens Farms Road, Westport, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-DISH-093-230728 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 69 Wheeler Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**
15. **TS-T-MOBILE-056-230811 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 8 Upper Meadow Lane, Granby, Connecticut. Decision.**

16. Administrative Matters.

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1572, Thursday, September 7, 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, September 14, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, September 28, 2023, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

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

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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