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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL

ROOM 315

45 SOUTHMAIN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Patrick Birney and Joel Rinebold; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division General Manager Tony Buccheri; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill; and Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo.

Absent – Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake, Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Brian Naples

Members of the public – Elizabeth Glidden (Verizon Wireless)

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION

Discussion and Action: PUC Annual Reorganization/Election

Motion to Elect Mr. Beaumont as Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission

Made by: Mr. Birney

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 Ayes

Motion to Elect Mr. Birney as Vice-Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission

Made by: Mr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Beaumont

Votes: 3 Ayes

42 **Motion to Elect Mr. Rinebold as Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission**

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44 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

45 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

46 **Votes: 3 Ayes**

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50 **3. Consent Agenda**

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52 **Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

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54 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

55 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

56 **Votes: 2 ayes**

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60 **4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None**

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64 **5. Discussion and Action: Signatory Authorization – CEAP Agreement**

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66 Mr. Hendershot referenced the CEAP form and stated that this document was forwarded by the
67 State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services. This required form is submitted annually
68 and enables the WED to participate in any of the energy assistance programs administered by the
69 State. The WED is requesting that the Commission authorize its Director or the Electric
70 Division General Manager to sign any future agreements without seeking annual authorization
71 from the PUC. This would eliminate the need to place this item on the agenda each year.

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73 **Motion to Approve the Director or the Electric Division General Manager as Signatories of**
74 **the CEAP Agreement**

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76 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

77 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

78 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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82 **6. Discussion and Possible Action: Future Signatory Authorizations – CEAP**
83 **Agreement**

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85 **Motion to Authorize the Director or the Electric Division General Manager to sign any**
86 **future CEAP Agreements without bringing the matter before the PUC subject to any**
87 **material changes in the CEAP Program**

88 **Made by: Mr. Birney**
89 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**
90 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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94 **7. Discussion and Possible Action: Pole Attachment Master Agreement – Verizon**
95 **Wireless**

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97 Mr. Birney requested an update on the Pole Attachment Master Agreement that was discussed at
98 the March 1, 2022 PUC Meeting.

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100 Mr. Buccheri stated that the Verizon Wireless agreement that was presented during the last
101 meeting is the exact same agreement that is currently in place with AT&T (Cingular Wireless).
102 The only thing that was changed on the agreement was the name. During the March 1, 2022
103 PUC meeting there were concerns regarding whether or not the WED had control on what could
104 be installed and how many carriers could be installed at the given location. Since then, the WED
105 has looked at and have worked with Verizon Wireless in regards to these issues. There will only
106 be one carrier per pole. Another concern that was addressed was the cluster-mounted arrays.
107 WED staff reviewed this with the Wallingford Law Department and updated the Small Cell
108 Antenna Construction Standards. The Standards contain new notes regarding cluster-mounted
109 arrays and number of carriers per pole. Mr. Buccheri referenced Item No.6-2 and Item No. 6-3.
110 The notes that were added to the agreement are:

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- 112 1. Cluster mounted arrays will require Wallingford Public Utilities Commission approval on
113 a case-by-case basis.
- 114 2. Only one small cell wireless carrier attachment per pole will be permitted.

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116 **Motion to Approve the Contract**

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118 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**
119 **Seconded by: Mr. Birney**
120 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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124 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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126 Ms. Glidden questioned what the next steps would be in regards to the Pole Attachment Master
127 Agreement?

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129 Mr. Buccheri stated that an electronically signed copy will be sent over on Wednesday, April 6,
130 2022 and a hard copy will be mailed.

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132 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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135 **ADJOURNMENT**

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137 **Motion to adjourn**

138 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

139 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

140 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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142 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m.

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144 Respectfully submitted,

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146 *Michelle Sorbo for*

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148 Bernadette Sorbo

149 Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Rinebold /mb

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Secretary