

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 26, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Frederick Riese
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)
Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downes)

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Barbara Currier Bell
Philip T. Ashton
James J. Murphy, Jr
Ed Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch

Staff Members Present:

Robert L. Marconi
Assistant Attorney General
S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Lepage
Siting Analyst

Robert D. Mercier
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of March 6, 2008.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Heffernan abstaining.

Minutes of March 13, 2008.3

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Heffernan abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 340 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1 Deerfield Lane, Ansonia, Connecticut. Modification of Decision and Order and Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Tait moved to approve the Modification of the Decision and Order and the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton voting no and Mr. Riese abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 343 - MCF Communications bg, Inc and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 237 Sandy Hollow Road, Groton, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

Chairman Caruso requested a written vote on the record with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Tait, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Ashton and Chairman Caruso in favor of granting a Certificate for the proposed facility.

DOCKET NO. F-2008 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve The Connecticut Light and Power Company, The United Illuminating Company, and NRG Energy as parties to this proceeding; seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 831 – Waterbury Generation LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction of an electric generating facility and associated transmission line tap located at 725 Bank Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.

Mr. Tait moved to deny the motion to reopen, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining, and Dr. Bell voting no.

TS-METROPCS-103-080225 – MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Rockland Road, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the order for tower sharing; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Mr. Phelps gave an update on PE 794. Mr. Phelps also announced the promotion of Carriann Mulcahy to Secretary II.

Mr. Emerick introduced Brian Golembiewski, the new designee for the Department of Environmental Protection. The Council thanked Mr. Riese for serving as designee during the interim. Mr. Murphy presented Mr. Emerick a Citation from the Legislature for his service on the Council. Chairman Caruso presented Mr. Emerick a Citation from the Governor's office. Mr. Phelps presented Mr. Emerick a memento from the staff.

Mr. Tait recited the following limerick in Mr. Emerick's honor:

There once was a member named Brian
Whose retirement has all of us cryin'
Applicants were aware
That He read with great care
Their errors he was always espying

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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