

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 10, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 10, 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 2:03 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch
James J. Murphy, Jr
Ed Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)

Philip T. Ashton

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 26, 2008.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Riese abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 352 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed substation located at 264 Rood Avenue and 25 Shelley Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Riese, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Tait, Dr. Bell and Mr. Murphy in favor of granting a Certificate for the proposed substation.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 353 - 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 located at 38 Maple Street, Kent, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Tait, and Mr. Murphy in favor of granting a Certificate for the proposed telecommunications facility and Mr. Riese and Dr. Bell abstaining.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 354 - 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 at one of two locations off of Old Baird Road in Watertown, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

No action was taken on this item.

DOCKET NO. 356 - 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 located at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Tait moved to approve party status for Susan Edelson and award intervenor status for David Edelson, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

Mr. Lynch moved to deny a request for a 30 day delay in considering the merits of Cellco's application, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 357 – Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Peck Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the application as complete, the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Jessica Brito as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the City of Danbury, and a public field review and hearing in Danbury on Thursday, May 29, 2008; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

DOCKET NO. F-2008 – Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten Year Forecast of Electric Loads and Resources. Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut Inc., and FirstLight Power Enterprises, Inc. as parties to the proceeding; and to grant intervenor status to ISO New England Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

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. Decision.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

Chairman Caruso requested a written vote on the record with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Tait, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Wilensky and Chairman Caruso in favor of approving the petition.

PETITION NO. 834 – Watertown Renewable Power, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 30 MW biomass gasification generating project located at Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Tait, Dr. Bell and Mr. Murphy in favor of approving the proposed 30 MW biomass gasification generating facility with Mr. Riese abstaining.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 838 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the modification to an existing 345/115-kV Substation located on Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 853 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed lighting modification to the Housatonic River transmission towers in Town of Stratford and City of Milford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Bell abstaining.

TS-VER-106-080320 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 77 Springbrook Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

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

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Mr. Phelps asked if the Council Members wished to still receive the Docket 272 weekly environmental reports as they are voluminous to copy and mail, and the Council agreed thereto. They can be viewed in the office.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman**

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