

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of June 5, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 5, 2008, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:07 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downes)
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Philip T. Ashton
Ed Wilensky
Frederick Riese
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)

Council Members Absent:

Barbara Currier Bell

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 May 22, 2008.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the minutes of May 22, 2008, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 292 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction and operation of 8.7 miles of new underground 115-kilovolt electric transmission cables extending from CL&P's existing Glenbrook Substation in the City of Stamford, through the Town of Darien, to CL&P's existing Norwalk Substation in the City of Norwalk. EMF Monitoring Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the EMF Monitoring Plan, with the recommendation that the final report include conductor size, line loading, an aerial photograph (1 inch equals 100 feet) identifying locations of existing electric lines and marking measurement locations and comparison with predicted values; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 343 – MCF Communications bg, Inc and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. 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. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 347 - 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 700 Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Certification Package.

Mr. Ashton moved approval of the language of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Golembiewski abstaining.

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 move to approve Lake Road Generating, L.P. as a party to the proceeding, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 784 – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.

Mr. Wilensky moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 841 – The Bridgeport Energy II, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a 350 MW Peaking Facility at the existing Bridgeport Energy Facility located at 10 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

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

Vice-Chairman Tait requested a written vote on the record with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Riese and Vice-Chairman Tait in favor of approving the petition.

TS-CING-141-080520 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an approved telecommunications facility located at Rich Road, Thompson, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the order for tower sharing, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-051-080523 – MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 100 Reef Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the order for tower sharing, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-103-080523 – MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Willard Road, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the order for tower sharing, with the condition that the modifications specified on the structural analysis report dated March 19, 2008 and sealed by James Boltz, P.E. are performed prior to the antenna installation and that a signed letter from a Professional Engineer is submitted to the Council to certify that the modifications have been properly completed; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Mr. Marconi updated the Council on current litigation proceedings.

Mr. Riese said his farewell to the Council, and added how much he enjoyed being a part of our processes.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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