

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of July 10, 2008**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 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 2:04 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

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

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

**Council Members Absent:**

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Edward S. Wilensky

**Staff Members Present:**

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

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of June 26, 2008.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 342 - Optasite Towers LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 425 Litchfield Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 351 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 93 Lake Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the Development and Management plan, with a stipulation that Council staff, Optasite, and Ms. Robinson meet on-site to determine the extent and location of trees to be planted along the northwestern property line of Ms. Robinson's property to augment the existing vegetative screening. Staff will decide the appropriate planting plan, if any. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 363 – Crown Communications Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 258 Ridge Road, Madison, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete, the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Madison, and a public field review and hearing in Madison on Tuesday, August 26, 2008; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 845 – 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 115-Kv Transmission Line Removal Project in the Towns of East Haddam, Lyme, East Lyme and Montville, Connecticut. Amendment to Condition of Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Amendment to the Conditions of the original decision, with the conditions that CL&P provide a copy of findings and recommendations of the lepidopterist and botanist to the Council prior to recommencement of work; that CL&P's environmental inspector must comply with the recommendations of the lepidopterist and botanist; and that CL&P file a Completeness Report when the project is complete. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

**PETITION NO. 858 – 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 modifications to the existing North Bloomfield 2A Substation located at 2 Hoskins Road in the Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the petition, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters**

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

Mr. Perrone discussed three DPUC Press releases regarding their RFP process and which projects were reviewed by the Council:

April 2007 – Projects to reduce Federally Mandated Congestion Costs

January 2008 – Project 150

June 2008 – Peaking Power

Chairman Caruso congratulated Assistant Attorney General Marconi on another successful win in court. Mr. Phelps personally thanked Attorney Marconi for his hard work and his diligent effort in defending the Council and those that work for the Council in civil actions.

**Adjournment.**

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Daniel F. Caruso**  
**Chairman**

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