

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 7, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 7, 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 2:32 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.
Edward S. Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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:

Jessica Brito

Minutes of July 24, 2008.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2008, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 358 – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Celco 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 located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12), and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12), Thompson, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision & Order.

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

Chairman Caruso requested a written vote on the record with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Tait, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Wilensky and Chairman Caruso in favor of the proposed Site A telecommunications facility.

DOCKET NO. 364 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, 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 Towns of Waterford and East Lyme, and a public field review and hearing in Waterford on Tuesday, September 23, 2008; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

EM-T-MOBILE-086-080604 – Omnipoint Communications, Inc. a.k.a. T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunication facility located at 57 Cook Drive, Montville, Connecticut.

Mr. Murphy moved to acknowledge the above-referenced regulatory exemption with the conditions that the applicant take steps to bring the tower rating to no greater than 100 percent, and that a signed letter from a Professional Engineer be submitted to the Council certifying that the modifications have been properly completed and the tower rating of not more than 100 percent has been achieved. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Tait, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Wilensky, and Chairman Caruso in favor of the proposal, and with Mr. Heffernan voting no.

SPECIAL PROCEEDING NO. 1 – Examination of whether statutory changes should be made to clarify jurisdiction relative to wind, solar power, and other renewable sources.

Dr. Bell moved to open this item to be processed as a contested proceeding to determine if jurisdictional legislative changes should be requested; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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