

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 28, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 28, 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 2:11 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

Staff Members Absent:

Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of August 7, 2008.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2008, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 217 - Northeast Utilities Service Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a 345-kV electric transmission line and reconstruction of an existing 115-kV electric transmission line between Connecticut Light and Power Company's Plumtree Substation in Bethel, through the Towns of Redding, Weston, and Wilton, and to Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut. Revisions to the Development and Management Plan – Metro-North Railroad, Norwalk and Wilton.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 225 – Kleen Energy Systems, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Electric Generating Facility and Switchyard on River Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan – Revision 6, Water Diversion Project.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 337 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off North Street (Route 63), Goshen, Connecticut. Revision to Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management plan, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 346 - Implementation of Section 8 and Section 54 of Public Act No. 07-242 - An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency. Schedule.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the hearing date, with time and place to be announced within the week, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 349 – Global Signal Acquisitions II Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1919 Boston Post Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management plan with the condition that an opaque, decorative fence be used to enclose the compound. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 359 - 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 58 Montano Road or 618 Neipsic Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Wilensky, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Tait in favor of granting a Certificate for a telecommunications facility located at Site A, and Mr. Lynch in favor of Site B.

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

DOCKET NO. 361- 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 off Norfolk Road (Route 44), Winchester, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Tait in favor of granting a Certificate for a telecommunications facility. Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Golembiewski voted in favor of granting a Certificate for a telecommunications facility with the condition that an environmental inspector be retained to monitor the construction of the access road.

Dr. Bell and Mr. Tait would like the town to provide comments regarding the design of the tower during the Development and Management process.

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

DOCKET NO. 366 - 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 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Tait moved to approve party status for the City of Danbury, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 839 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a modification to an existing 345/115-kV Switching Station located on Long Mountain Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Revision to Decision.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the revision to the decision, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 860 – 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 Mystic Substation located east of Dennison Avenue (Route 27) and north of Pleasant Street, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 861 – 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 the transmission line tap for the approved 350 MW peaking facility located at 10 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 862 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a temporary telecommunications facility at 500 Queen Street, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

1. The temporary tower shall be constructed and operational within one year of approval and written notice of operation shall be provided to the Council.
2. The temporary tower may remain in place for up to six months after it is operational.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Ashton moved to allow the Council to delegate the authority to Mr. Phelps to extend the operation of this facility, if necessary, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion to approve the petition, as amended, passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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