

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 11, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 11, 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 2:07 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
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:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of August 28, 2008.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008, as amended, seconded by Mr. Ashton. 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, Opinion, Decision and 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, Mr. Lynch and Chairman Caruso in favor of the proposed Site A telecommunications facility, at Site A, 58 Montano Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

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, Opinion, Decision and Order.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, with the condition that the Certificate Holder retain an environmental inspector to monitor road construction; seconded by Dr. Bell. 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, Mr. Lynch and Chairman Caruso in favor of the proposed telecommunications facility.

DOCKET NO. 362 - 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 165 Elmwood Hill Road, Putnam, 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, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Tait in favor of granting a Certificate for the proposed telecommunications facility.

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

DOCKET NO. F-2008 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Draft Report.

The Council reviewed the Draft Report. Editing will be completed prior to the Council voting on the draft.

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 remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the petition, with the following conditions:

- Bridgeport Energy II, LLC (BEII) shall provide a Development and Management Plan (D&M) for this transmission interconnection for Council review and approval. The D&M Plan for the transmission interconnection may be submitted as part of the D&M Plan for the entire power plant project.
- BEII shall include the final cable route and the cable size in the D&M Plan.

Mr. Heffernan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-MEDIAFLO-012-080828 – MediaFLO USA, Inc. request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 230 Box Mountain Road, Bolton, Connecticut.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the order for tower sharing, with the following conditions:

- The modifications specified in the structural analysis report dated May 1, 2008 and sealed by J. Russell Hill, P.E. are performed prior to the antenna installation;
- A Post-construction substructure rating of not more than 100 percent is achieved; and
- A signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut is submitted to the Council to certify that the modifications have been properly completed and the post-construction substructure rating of not more than 100 percent has been achieved.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-158-080829 – MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 515 Boston Post Road, Westport, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the order for tower sharing with the following conditions:

- An analysis and/or drawing sealed by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut are submitted to the Council prior to the installation of the platform to certify that the building can support the platform and equipment
- The tower is reinforced per the structural analysis report dated February 11, 2008 and sealed by Joseph Pachicarah Jacobs, P.E.;
- A post-construction tower rating of not more than 100 percent is achieved;

- A signed letter from a Professional Engineer is submitted to the Council to certify that the modifications have been properly completed and a post-construction tower rating of not more than 100 percent is achieved.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-035-080829 – MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 126 Ledge Road, Darien, Connecticut.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the order for tower sharing with the following conditions:

- The applicant shall install the coax per Appendix B of the structural analysis report dated December 14, 2007, and sealed by J. Darrin Holt, P.E. and take steps to reduce the post-construction tower rating to not more than 100 percent; and
- A signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the post-construction tower rating of not more than 100 percent has been achieved.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room Two. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Mr. Wilensky led the Council in wishing Ms. Lepage a Happy Birthday.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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