

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of November 20, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 20, 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 2:10 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 Walsh
Siting Analyst

Robert D. Mercier
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of October 23, 2008.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2008, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Minutes of October 30, 2008.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of October 30, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski and Mr. Heffernan 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. Development and Management Plan.

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

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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.

This item was temporarily passed.

DOCKET NO. 365 - 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 39 Maennerchor Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton and Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

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

DOCKET NO. 370 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for (1) The Greater Springfield Reliability Project consisting of a new 345-kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the North Bloomfield Substation in Bloomfield to the Connecticut/Massachusetts border, together with associated improvements to the North Bloomfield Substation, and potentially including portions of a new 345-kV electric transmission line between Ludlow and Agawam, Massachusetts that would be located in the Towns of Suffield and Enfield, Connecticut; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Party/Intervenor Request; Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the party status for Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, the Town of East Granby and the Town of Suffield. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 867 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed

modifications to the existing CL&P Waterside Substation located at 39 Amelia Place, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 868 - 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 an existing 115Kv transmission line structure (#9950) located off of Crow's Nest Lane, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.

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

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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.

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

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

TS-METROPCS-015-081031 – MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 38 Kaechele Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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

- The tower and foundation are modified per the attached drawings of the structural analysis report dated October 16, 2008 and sealed by David Granger, P.E. prior to the antenna installation;
- Post-construction tower and foundation ratings of not more than 100 percent are achieved; and
- A signed letter from a Professional Engineer is submitted to the Council to certify that the modifications have been properly completed and post-construction tower and foundation ratings of not more than 100 percent have 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, December 4, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room Two. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Chairman Caruso led the Council in wishing Mr. Wilensky a Happy Birthday.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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