

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 4, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 4, 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 November 20, 2008.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2008, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Party status for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

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 in Danbury, Connecticut. Request for Additional Balloon Fly and Direct Testimony.

Mr. Heffernan moved to deny the City of Danbury's request for an additional balloon fly, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to deny the City of Danbury's request to present direct testimony, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 369 - 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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, 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 Jessica Brito as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Woodstock, and a public field review and hearing in Woodstock on Thursday, January 29, 2009; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

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 intervenor status for ISO New England, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 869 - Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC petition for declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed interconnection of Algonquin's existing W-System with the Kleen Energy Generating facility off River Road in Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 872 - Omnipoint Communications, Inc. a.k.a. T-Mobile petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the proposed antennas to be installed on an existing Connecticut Light and Power Company-owned transmission line structure located at 48 Quail Trail, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 873 - 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 transmission Separation Project of a 1.8 mile segment of an existing 345-kV double-circuit (#s 310/368) from south of Manchester substation to Manchester Junction and relocation/replacement of the adjacent 115-kV circuit (#1767) of this route located in Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.

This item was passed temporarily

PETITION NO. 874 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing fence line at UI's Old Town Substation located at 280 Kaechele Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 873 - 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 transmission Separation Project of a 1.8 mile segment of an existing 345-kV double-circuit (#s 310/368) from south of Manchester substation to Manchester Junction and relocation/replacement of the adjacent 115-kV circuit (#1767) of this route located in Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the condition that the Connecticut Light and Power Company notify and consult with Manchester Community College prior to construction. Any comments or recommendations issued by Manchester Community College shall be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

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

PETITION NO. 875 - GenConn Energy LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation and operation of four 50 MW peaking units at the Middletown Station located at 1866 River Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.

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

- GenConn shall submit a final site plan for the proposed project to the Council.
- GenConn shall seek and submit DEP comments and statement of compliance to the Council.

- GenConn shall submit modifications of its NPDES and Storm water Discharge permits to the regulating agency
- GenConn shall complete soil remediation in areas of the proposed project, if necessary, consistent with the Connecticut Transfer Act (Connecticut General Statute Section 22a-134).
- GenConn shall coordinate with the City of Middletown on resolution of the concerns specified in the traffic study.
- GenConn seek and submit Federal Aviation Administration recommendations for air navigation lighting and/or marking of the proposed stacks

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

CSC Budget.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the budget for the Fiscal Year 2010/2011, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One to be immediately followed by our Holiday Gathering. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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