

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 18, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 18, 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 2:20 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 December 4, 2008.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 187 - PDC-El Paso Milford LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milford Power Project located off of Oronoque Road in Milford, Connecticut. Request for an Extension. Schedule.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the 90-day extension, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed with Dr. Bell abstaining.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the schedule for hearing under C.G.S. § 4-181a(b), seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Bell abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 272 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of a New 345-kV Electric Transmission Line and Associated Facilities Between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut Including the Reconstruction of Portions of Existing 115-kV and 345-kV Electric Transmission Lines, the Construction of the Beseck Switching Station in Wallingford, East Devon Substation in Milford, and Singer Substation in Bridgeport, Modifications at Scovill Rock Switching Station and Norwalk Substation and the Reconfiguration of Certain Interconnections. Development and Management Plan - Segment 2B – Request to Terminate Security Patrols in Orange.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the termination of the security patrols in Orange, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Dr. Bell abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 361- 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 Norfolk Road (Route 44), Winchester, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

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

DOCKET NO. 362 - 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 at 165 Elmwood Hill Road, Putnam, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Tait. 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. Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the schedule change and include the deposition of the transcript in Union, 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 the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of (1) The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, or potentially including an alternate portion that traverses the municipalities of Suffield and Enfield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Scheduling Conference, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete, the Scheduling Conference on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, Suffield, Enfield, Manchester, Granby, Simsbury, Somers and South Windsor; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 871 - Algonquin Gas Transmission Company Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) application (Docket No. 08-426) for the construction and operation of the HubLine/East to West Project located in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey. Connecticut segment includes replacement of 11 miles of existing pipeline, appurtenant infrastructure, and installation of access roads in the Towns of Norwich, Preston, Ledyard, and North Stonington as well as upgrades to an existing compressor station in Cromwell.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve the Council's recommendations as amended to include that FERC consider an increase in pipe diameter for future planning; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 876 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project located at the proposed substations; Allings Crossing Substation, Frontage Road, West Haven; Ash Creek Substation, Poland Street, Bridgeport; Baird Substation, Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Barnum Substation Barnum Avenue, Stratford; Broadway Substation, Goffe Street, New Haven; Congress Substation, Congress Street, Bridgeport; Devon Tie Substation, Naugatuck Avenue, Milford; East Shore Substation, Waterfront Street, New Haven; Elmwest Substation, Elm Street, West Haven; June St. Substation, Hazell Terrace, Woodbridge; Mill River Substation, Grand Avenue, New Haven; Old Town Substation, Kachele Place, Bridgeport; Pequonnock Substation, Henry Street, Bridgeport; Sackett Substation, State Street, North Haven; and Water Street Substation, Water Street, New Haven. Decision.

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

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed. Mr. Murphy recognized the retired former DEP designee Mr. Emerick in the audience.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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