

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 8, 2009

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009, 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 December 18, 2008.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 239 - National Grid Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 229-231 Ashford Center Road, Ashford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate

DOCKET NO. 264 - National Grid Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at either 146 Brown Road or Brown Road (Lot 34) Brooklyn, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 291 - National Grid Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility on Knowlton Hill Road, Ashford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 295 - National Grid Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility in North Branford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 296 - National Grid Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 382 Colebrook River Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 307 - National Grid Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 71 Pleasant View Road, Derby, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 333 – National Grid Wireless, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 17 Cottage Road, Madison, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the above referenced Transfers of Certificates (items 2-8) to SBA Infrastructure LLC, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Wilensky moved to remove this item from the table, the motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the Development and Management plan, seconded by Mr. Tait. 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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve party status for the Office of Consumer Counsel, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 372 – 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 631 Orange Avenue, Milford, 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 Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Towns of New Milford and Orange, and a public field review and hearing in Milford on Thursday, March 5, 2009; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Dr. Bell recusing herself from this proceeding.

PETITION NO. 877 - Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (T-Mobile) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Amendment to the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the extension of an existing tower located at 125 Mile Creek Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the petition, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-T-MOBILE-126-081219 - Omnipoint Communications, Inc. a.k.a. T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 70 Platt Road, Shelton, Connecticut.

Mr. Tait moved to deny this application for tower sharing without prejudice, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Mr. Phelps discussed potential dates for the Docket 272 ribbon cutting ceremony.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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