

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 22, 2009

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 22, 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 2:40 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:

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst

Robert D. Mercier
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of January 8, 2009.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2009, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 213 - Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a cellular telecommunications facility at 51 Stony Lane, Stafford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 230 - Sprint Spectrum, L. P. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a cellular telecommunications facility on Welles Road, Groton, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 232 - Sprint Spectrum, L.P. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a cellular telecommunications facility located at 97 Chaplin Road, Eastford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 254 - Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 134R Creamery Road, Durham, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 271 - Sprint Spectrum, L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 370 Rockland Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 277 – Sprint Spectrum, L.P. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Burr Mountain Road, Torrington, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 282 – Sprint Spectrum, L.P. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Town of Farmington’s Sewage Treatment Facility, 1 Westerberg Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 287 – Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 10 Ashpohtag Road, Norfolk, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 297 - Sprint Spectrum, L.P. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility in 277 Huckleberry Hill Road, Avon, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 298 - Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 389 Forbes Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the above referenced Transfers of Certificates (items 2-11) to TowerCo, LLC, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 334 - Sprint Nextel Corporation Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 186 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Tait moved to approve the request for extension until December 30, 2009, to complete construction, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 342 - Optasite Towers LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 425 Litchfield Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Modifications to Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Tait moved to amend the Development and Management Plan to allow the temporary use of a generator to power the site until permanent utilities are installed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilensky. 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. General Scope and Range of Review.

Mr. Ashton moved to adopt Attorney Bachman’s recommendations of the General Scope and Range of Review of the proceeding and the issuance of a “White Paper”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 368 - 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 Sterling Road (Route 14), Plainfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Dr. Bell, and Mr. Murphy, 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. 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 intervenor status for Ice Energy, Inc., seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 863 - Examination of whether statutory changes should be made to clarify jurisdiction to renewable and/or alternative sources of energy (wind, solar, hydro, tidal, wave, geothermal, biofuel, biomass, etc). Subcommittee. Discussion.

Chairman Caruso appointed Mr. Tait as Chairman of the Subcommittee for this proceeding with Dr. Bell and Mr. Golembiewski as Committee members.

PETITION NO. 879 - Youghioghny Communications-Northeast, LLC d/b/a Pocket Communications petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 117 Washington Street, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

No action was taken on this item.

PETITION NO. 880 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a permanent replacement flagpole tower and associated equipment located at 500 Queen Street, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 883 - Omnipoint Communications, Inc. a.k.a. T-Mobile petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 70 Platt Road, Shelton, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-SENSUS-155-081231 - Sensus Metering Systems request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 570 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut.

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

- The coax shall be configured per Appendix B of the structural analysis report dated November 12, 2008 and sealed by J. Russell Hill, P.E.;
- The Council shall be notified in writing that the coax was installed as specified.

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

TS-SENSUS-135-081231A - Sensus Metering Systems request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 168 Catoona Lane, Stamford, Connecticut.

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

- The coax shall be configured per page 2 of the structural analysis report dated December 22, 2008 and sealed by Wm. E. Garrett, P.E.;
- The Council shall be notified in writing that the coax was installed as specified.

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

TS-SENSUS-135-081231B - Sensus Metering Systems request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1590 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut.

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

- The coax shall be configured per page 1 of the structural analysis report dated November 17, 2008 and sealed by Raphael Mohamed, P.E.;
- The Council shall be notified in writing that the coax was installed as specified.

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

TS-SENSUS-064-081231A - Sensus Metering Systems request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 439-455 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve this application for tower sharing with the following conditions:

- The coax shall be configured per Appendix B of the structural analysis report dated November 7, 2008 and sealed by J. Russell Hill, P.E.;
- The Council shall be notified in writing that the coax was installed as specified.

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

TS-SENSUS-064-081231B - Sensus Metering Systems request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 305 West Service Road, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

- The coax shall be configured per page 1 of the structural analysis report dated December 3, 2008 and sealed by Raphael Mohamed, P.E.;
- The Council shall be notified in writing that the coax was installed as specified.

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

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Mr. Phelps discussed a possible technical workshop with Verizon regarding camouflage towers, it was suggested by Council Members that other carriers also be invited.

Mr. Phelps presented the new Siting Council brochure which describes the Council's regulatory authority and how the public may participate in the hearing process.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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