

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 28, 2010

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, 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 1:20 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Marrella)

Wayne V. Estey
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)
Edward S. Wilensky
James Murphy
Philip T. Ashton
Barbara Currier Bell

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney

Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Staff Members Absent

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy and S. Derek Phelps

Minutes of January 7, 2010.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 370 – Consolidated proceeding pursuant to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) Request for Proposal (RFP) process under C.G.S. §16a-7c. Original application: The Connecticut Light & 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. Competing application: NRG Energy, Inc. application pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50l(a)(3) for consideration of a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

The Council reviewed the Draft Findings of Fact.

Council Member Murphy arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Council Member Ashton arrived at 1:43 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Tait asked for a straw vote to establish preliminary consensus on several main points. Following discussion, a unanimous straw vote was held to direct staff to prepare Findings in support of a Decision that will include (a) approval of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project (GSRP) (D370A), including utilization of an all-overhead design configuration along the proposed northern route, and (b) a denial of the NRG (D370B) project, without impact or alteration to the Council's previous approval of that project provided under its D190 Decision & Order.

Administrative Matters.

Mr. Phelps announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at CCSU ITBD to continue to review Docket No. 370 Findings of Fact. The next regular energy/telecommunications meeting is currently scheduled for February 11, 2010. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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