

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 16, 2010

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:16 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

Council Member Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst

Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Robert L. Marconi
Assistant Attorney General

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

Minutes of March 9, 2010.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order. Citizens Against Overhead Power Line Construction's Request for Additional Time to Review the Draft Opinion.

Mr. Wilensky moved to deny Citizens Against Overhead Power Line Construction's request for additional days (2) to review and comment on the draft opinion; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the proposed addition of Guideline information into the EMF table (#301 on page 50); seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the proposed additional Mitigation finding (#210 on page 39); seconded by Mr. Estey. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion on the Ashton compromise for the proposed 3.2-mile Split Phase or Delta configuration for EMF mitigation, Chairman Caruso requested a recess at 3:02 p.m. in order for Mr. Ashton and staff to further compile information and additional language in the final documents for this compromise. The meeting resumed at 3:55 p.m.

Following discussion, Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project (GSRP) with the condition that a Split-Phase configuration be used for approximately 1.1 miles of the route from proposed Structure 3191 to proposed Structure 3201, reverting back to H-frame configuration; seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

After reviewing the draft Opinion and draft Decision and Order, Mr. Ashton moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order as amended for the Connecticut portion of the GSRP; seconded by Mr. Estey. The motion passed with Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

Chairman Caruso requested a written vote on the record with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Estey, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Caruso in favor of granting a Certificate for the Connecticut GSRP portion of this docket; and Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

Chairman Caruso thanked Staff Analyst, Ms. Walsh, for her extraordinary work in this docket.

Administrative Matters.

Mr. Phelps announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in Hearing Room Two. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Chairman Caruso also thanked Mr. Estey for his contributions on the Council. Mr. Estey resigned from the Council effective upon conclusion of this meeting.

Assistant Attorney General Marconi updated the Council on pending legislation, stating that a final decision was issued in our favor in the Jaeger vs. Verizon and the Connecticut Siting Council (No. CV 09 4020354S a/k/a Docket 360 appeal) Federal case.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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