

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 18, 2013

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 18, 2013, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Robert Stein at 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Philip T. Ashton
Edward S. Wilensky
Barbara Currier Bell
James J. Murphy
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)

Council Members Absent:

Edward Wilds
(designee for Commissioner Esty on Docket No. 265A)

Staff Members Present:

Linda Roberts
Executive Director
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst Supervisor

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of April 4, 2013.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2013, seconded Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levesque arrived at 1:07 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 190 - Meriden Gas Turbines, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Meriden Power Project located in the City of Meriden and the Town of Berlin, Connecticut. Petition of the City of Meriden to Reopen and Modify Decision and Order Due to Changed Conditions. City of Meriden Request for Party Status.

Mr. Ashton recused himself of this matter.

Dr. Bell moved to reopen this docket pursuant to C.G.S. § 4-181(b), seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

Dr. Bell moved to grant party status to the City of Meriden, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

DOCKET NO. 265A - Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. Application to Amend and Modify the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the existing independent spent fuel storage installation at Millstone Power Station, Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b) for the limited purpose of determining if changed conditions related to the existing independent spent fuel storage installation justify a modification of the Decision and Order. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilensky state for the record that they had not attended the hearing but have read the record and the transcripts. Mr. Levesque did not attend the hearing or read the transcripts so he did not vote.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of approving the Application to Amend and Modify the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the existing independent spent fuel storage installation at Millstone Power Station, Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and Mr. Hannon abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 401 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC, Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a Telecommunications Facility at 208 Valley Road, New Canaan, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Tait moved to grant a one-year extension until August 3, 2014, to complete construction of this facility, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 412 - SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Tait moved to grant an extension until December 31, 2013 to complete construction of this facility, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy took over the chair position for the next item as Chairman Stein had previously recused himself from the proceeding.

DOCKET NO. 435 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Stamford Reliability Cable Project, which consists of construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV underground transmission circuit extending approximately 1.5 miles between Glenbrook and South End Substations, Stamford, Connecticut and related substation improvements. Motion to Reopen Evidentiary Record.

Mr. Ashton moved to reopen the evidentiary record, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Tait and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1056 - GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 5.0 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating Project located on Grassy Hill Road and Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein unanimously in favor of approving the facility.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 1058 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed 1990 line structure replacement project consisting of modifications of two sections of an existing 115-kV transmission line from Stevenson Substation to Frost Bridge Substation and from Baldwin Junction to Baldwin Substation traversing the municipalities of Monroe, Oxford, Middlebury, Waterbury and Watertown, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Tait moved to set August 28, 2013, as the date by which the Council shall make its decision on this petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Disaster Recovery Deployment - EM-CING-085-121218 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to install a temporary cellular telephone facility for use at town own property located at 375 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Dr. Bell moved to grant an additional 30-day extension of this temporary cellular telephone facility, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Wind Regulations

Mr. Ashton moved to resubmit the revised wind regulations to the Regulation Review Committee, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- Thursday, April 25, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** field review and public hearing for Docket No. 434 (Verizon-West Hartford) at the West Hartford Town Hall, Room 314, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, April 30, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** field review and public hearing for Docket No. 409A (AT&T-Falls Village) at the Lee H. Kellogg School, All Purpose Room, 47 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 2, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
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Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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