

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 28, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Philip T. Ashton
Michael W. Klemens
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Michael Harder

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Cymon Holzschuh
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of April 14, 2016.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2016, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 461 - Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Draft Findings of Fact.

The item was passed temporarily.

DOCKET NO. 465 - The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8-kilovolt (kV) replacement substation facility located on an approximately 1.5 acre portion of two adjoining UI-owned parcels directly adjacent to UP's existing Baird Substation, 1770 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1217 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed separation of the existing 1779/1777 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines for 1.6 miles within existing right of way from Bloomfield Substation to Bloomfield Junction; proposed separation of the existing 1751/1777 115kV electric transmission lines for 5.3 miles within existing right of way from Bloomfield Junction to North Bloomfield Substation; modifications to the existing overhead 1779 115 kV electric transmission line to loop into the Rood Avenue Substation via underground cables; including related transmission line structure improvements; and modifications to the Bloomfield Substation, 40 Crestview Drive and North Bloomfield Substation, 2 Hoskins Road both in Bloomfield, Connecticut and modifications to the Rood Avenue Substation located at 275 Rood Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition, seconded by Dr. Klemens for discussion purposes. Chairman Stein conducted a poll of the Council members with Mr. Lynch, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of approving the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the condition that Eversource submit a Development & Management Plan for the project along with a vernal pool study and wildlife analysis for the blue spotted salamander and marbled salamander with proposed protective measures as applicable, with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Klemens and Mr. Ashton opposed, and with Mr. Harder abstaining.

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Dr. Klemens and Mr. Levesque stated for the record that they read the record and the transcripts of the proceeding.

Mr. Hannon and Mr. Murphy stated for the record that they read the transcript of the hearing of March 10, 2016.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Klemens, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of

denying the application without prejudice, Mr. Levesque and Mr. Hannon in favor of approving the application, and Mr. Lynch and Mr. Harder abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order denying the application without prejudice to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, May 5, 2016, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Petition No. 1218 at the Bridgeport City Hall, Common Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 12, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 26, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm