

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 1, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 1, 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 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein

Chairman

Larry Levesque

(designee for Chairman House)

Philip T. Ashton

James J. Murphy, Jr.

Vice Chairman

Robert Hannon

(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Michael Harder

Council Members Absent:

Michael W. Klemens

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of August 4, 2016.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of August 4, 2016, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 465 - The United Illuminating Company 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. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the development and management plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 468 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the motion for protective order, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton opposing.

DOCKET NO. 469 - 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 at Killingly Tax Assessor's Map 143, Lot 6, 520 Bailey Hill Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Harder moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as the custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Killingly, a public field review beginning at 2:00 p.m., an evidentiary hearing beginning at 3:00 p.m., and a public comment session beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Killingly on Thursday, October 6, 2016; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the motion for protective order, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1178 - Fusion Solar Center, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a ground-mounted 20 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on Potash Hill Road, Sprague, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1238 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed re-conductoring of 0.6 miles of its existing No. 1779 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line between South Meadow Substation in Hartford and the east side of structure 3001 in East Hartford and for the proposed rebuilding of 4.6 miles of its existing No. 1779 electric transmission line within existing Eversource right of way extending from structure 3001.5 in East Hartford to South Windsor Junction in South Windsor, traversing the municipalities of Hartford, East Hartford, and South Windsor, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure and substation improvements. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1244 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 2985-3017 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1245 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of an additional rooftop wireless telecommunications facility located at the Connecticut Post Mall, 1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1246 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed removal of one existing 69-kV dead-end wood electric transmission line structure, replacement of two existing 69-kilovolt (kV) wood H-frame tap angle electric transmission line structures (Line 100 and Line 400) with two 3-pole weathering steel angle electric transmission line structures, relocation of the conductors from the existing electric transmission line structures to the proposed electric transmission line structures located at Gales Ferry Substation, 301 Whalehead Road, Ledyard, Connecticut and related transmission line and substation improvements. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1247 - C-TEC Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.75 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 1 Ballard Road, Thompson, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Harder moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1248 - TRS Fuel Cell, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.7 megawatt combined heat and power fuel cell facility to located at 64 Triangle Street, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1249 - Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the planned addition of a launcher and a mainline valve along the existing Iroquois pipeline right of way located off of Canterbury Lane in Newtown, Connecticut, and an above ground receiver and fuel cell generator to power the cathodic protection system along the existing Iroquois pipeline right of way located off of Stonebridge Trail in Newtown, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved that the Council does not have jurisdiction over the proposed project and that the recommendations in the staff report be submitted to FERC as the Council's comments on its review of the project, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-T-MOBILE-121-160712 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 160 Witch Meadow Road, Salem, Connecticut. Decision.

TS-T-MOBILE-121-160721 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 27 Maynard Road, Salem, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the above tower share requests, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, September 15, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 22, 2016, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 468 at the Bethel Municipal Center, General Purpose Room, 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 29, 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. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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