

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of March 13, 2008**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, 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 2:05 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Judge Daniel F. Caruso  
Chairman  
Frederick Riese  
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)  
James J. Murphy, Jr  
Philip T. Ashton

Colin C. Tait  
Vice Chairman  
Barbara Currier Bell  
Daniel P. Lynch  
Ed Wilensky

**Council Members Absent:**

Gerald J. Heffernan  
(designee for Commissioner Downes)

**Staff Members Present:**

Robert L. Marconi  
Assistant Attorney General  
S. Derek Phelps  
Executive Director  
Fred O. Cunliffe  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Christina Lepage  
Siting Analyst

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of February 28, 2008.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 292 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction and operation of 8.7 miles of new underground 115-kilovolt electric transmission cables extending from CL&P's existing Glenbrook Substation in the City of Stamford, through the Town of Darien, to CL&P's existing Norwalk Substation in the City of Norwalk. Blasting Plan.**

Mr. Ashton move to approve the Blasting plan, which includes the blasting in the construction of a jack and bore crossing of the MetroNorth Railroad in Darien. The jacking area is located near the transition of Segments 1 and 2 (Mechanic Street Parking Lot). The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 341 - 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 Ashford Center Road (Route 44), Ashford, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management plan with the condition that the applicant adds landscaping on the east side of the compound; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Dr. Bell and Mr. Riese abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 347 - 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 700 Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Tait moved to reopen the proceeding to allow cross-examination of Chief Fuchs; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 348 – Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Connecticut Light and Power Company's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Cove Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Tait moved to approve Andrew Ergi as an intervenor in this proceeding, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 351 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 93 Lake Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Tait moved to reopen the proceeding to allow for additional evidence regarding the possible alternative use of existing towers in the area; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Riese and Mr. Ashton abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 831 – Waterbury Generation LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction of an electric generating facility and associated transmission line tap located at 725 Bank Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Lynch, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Tait in favor of the proposed electric generating facility and associated transmission line tap; Mr. Ashton voting no, and Mr. Riese abstaining.

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

**PETITION NO. 848 – Frito-Lay, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction of a 5MW electric generating facility located at 1886 Upper Maple Street, Dayville, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the condition that Frito-Lay submit the DEP Air Permit to the Council prior to operation of the proposed facility; any CL&P mandated switching and relaying requirements be submitted to the Council prior to installation; and if the smoke stack exceeds forty feet, the petitioner notify the Council; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 850 – 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 expansion of an existing site compound located at 35 Wildwood Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

**Administrative Matters**

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

**Adjournment.**

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Daniel F. Caruso**  
**Chairman**

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