

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 3, 2009

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, 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 3:25 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)
Edward S. Wilensky

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Barbara Currier Bell
Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Council Members Absent:

Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downs)

James J. Murphy, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst

Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

DOCKET NO. 360 - Verizon 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 188 Route 7 South, Falls Village (Canaan), Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact. Conclusions of Law.

This item was temporarily passed.

DOCKET NO. 366 - 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 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Motion for an Expedited Hearing; Extension of Time to File Briefs.

Mr. Wilensky moved to deny the City of Danbury's motion for an expedited hearing, seconded by Dr. Bell.

Mr. Tait moved to amend Mr. Wilensky's motion to allow the parties and intervenors until March 13, 2009, to file Post Hearing Briefs, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Wilensky and Dr. Bell. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

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After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Dr. Bell, in favor of granting a Certificate for the proposed telecommunications facility.

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

Administrative Matters

The next E/T Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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