

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 16, 2010

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 16, 2010, 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 2:15 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Larry Levesque
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Marrella)

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Barbara Currier Bell
Philip T. Ashton
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Edward S. Wilensky
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of December 2, 2010.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2010, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 225 - Kleen Energy Systems, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Electric Generating Facility and Switchyard on River Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Revision to Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Emergency Response Plan as an interim plan for the construction phase, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Mr. Levesque joined the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 338 – TowerCo. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Extension of time to complete construction until March 29, 2011, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 398 - Northeast Utilities Service Company, on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of the Sherwood Substation located at 6 New Creek Road, Westport, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Modifications.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the modifications to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the application as complete and the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 937 - The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of two 2.5 MW electric generators and associated equipment at two existing substation locations, 15 Old Colony Road and 130 Thorpe Avenue, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Roberts informed the Council that CMEEC has submitted a letter withdrawing this petition.

PETITION NO. 971 - T-Mobile USA, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the attachment of antennas to an existing CL&P transmission structure located at Oil Mill Road, Waterford, Connecticut. Date for Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved that Council will act on this petition by January 31, 2011; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 973 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace and expand an existing structure located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Date for Decision.

Mr. Tait moved to hold a hearing on this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 976 - PSEG New Haven LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the modifications relating to the installation and operation of three 48.5 MW peaking units at New Haven Harbor Station, New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Member Mr. Martin joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

PETITION NO. 978 - PPL Savage Alert, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 1.9 MW Cogeneration Plant at the ASML Lithography Facility located at 77 Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Tait moved that this project is exempt from Siting Council jurisdiction under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50i(a)(3), seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-CLEARWIRE-152-101129 - Clear Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 15 Miner Lane, Waterford, Connecticut.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

Ms. Roberts announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2011. Ms. Roberts announced the following upcoming Council calendar dates:

1. Tuesday, December 21, 2010, Beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, (Reopening Docket No. 396-SBA/East Lyme), Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain)
2. Thursday, January 13, 2011, Beginning at **2:00 p.m.- field review/3:00 p.m./and 7:00 p.m.** (DO 408 Cingular) Field Review and Public Hearing in Hartland at the Volunteer Fire Department, 34 South Road, East Hartland, Connecticut
3. Thursday, January 20, 2011, Beginning at **2:00 p.m.-** (Energy/telecommunications Meeting), Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
4. Tuesday, January 25, 2011, Beginning at **2:00 p.m.- field review/3:00 p.m./and 7:00 p.m.** (DO 407 T-Mobile) Field Review and Public Hearing in Branford at the Black Stone Library, 758 Main Street, Branford, Connecticut
5. Thursday, January 27, 2011, Beginning at **2:00 p.m.-** (DO 401- New Canaan - Reopening), Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

Adjournment.

Mr. Tait moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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