

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 14, 2011

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 14, 2011, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robert Stein at 1:14 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Colin Tait
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Philip T. Ashton

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Esty)
Edward S. Wilensky
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Barbara Currier Bell

Council Members Absent:

Larry Levesque
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)

Staff Members Present:

Linda Roberts
Executive Director
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney

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

Staff Members Absent

Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy
Lisa Fontaine

Minutes of June 23, 2011.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2011, seconded by Mr. Lynch. 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. Operations Plan.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Operations Plan, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 385 – Florida Towers Partners LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 23 Stonybrook Road, Stratford, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant an extension of time until March 4, 2012, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 408 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 95 Balance Rock Road, Hartland, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy and Chairman Stein in favor of locating the proposed facility at site B, using the access drive for site C; and Mr. Tait, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilensky against the proposed facility.

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

DOCKET NO. 413 - 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 723 Leetes Island Road, Branford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tait, Mr. Wilensky, and Mr. Lynch in favor of the proposed facility, and with Chairman Stein abstaining.

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

DOCKET NO. 414 - 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 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 415 - 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 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Dr. Bell moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 991 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing Connecticut Light and Power substation located at 970 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 992 - United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the expansion of an existing control house at Ash Creek Substation located at 66 Poland Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 993 - Logan Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 300 kW Fuel Cell project to be located at 50 Talbot Lane, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 994 - Algonquin Power Windsor Locks, LLC Petition for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for construction, maintenance, and operation of a 15 MW combined heat and power unit at an existing cogeneration facility located at 26 Canal Bank Road, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 995 - UTC Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 400 kW Fuel Cell at 195 Governors Highway, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-VER-124-100823 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 6 Progress Avenue, Seymour, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant the one year extension request, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-003-110622 - MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 33 Janowski Road, Ashford, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-078-110622 - MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1725 Stafford Road, Mansfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2011.

Adjournment.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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