

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 22, 2011

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 22, 2011, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Colin C. Tait at 1:09 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Esty)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Philip T. Ashton

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman DeGobbo)
Barbara Currier Bell
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Edward S. Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Robin Stein
Chairman

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 September 8, 2011.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2011, as clarified, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 187 - Milford Power Company, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milford Power Project located off of Oronoque Road in Milford, Connecticut. Potable Water Limits.

Mr. Ashton made a motion to allow Milford Power company to exceed its 15% limit on potable water usage, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Dr. Bell abstaining.

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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, as amended, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to deny the application, seconded by Mr. Wilensky.

Vice Chairman Tait requested a written vote on record with Mr. Levesque, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Lynch, Dr. Bell, and Mr. Tait in favor of denying the application; and Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Ashton and Mr. Murphy in favor of approving the application.

Mr. Ashton moved to deny the application without prejudice. The motion failed. The application was denied with prejudice.

DOCKET NO. 417 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Moose Hill Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

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

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

PETITION NO. 784 - Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1003 - 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 on South Main Street (Route 25), Newtown, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Levesque moved to approve the petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. Mr. Ashton moved to amend the petition to include the condition that the distribution lines be underground within the substation, the motion failed. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1004 - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the extension of an existing equipment compound located at 60 South Main Street, East Granby, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Levesque moved to approve the petition, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1005 - New Britain Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 1.4 MW Fuel Cell combined heat and power generating facility located at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Levesque moved to approve the petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-T-MOBILE-045-110901 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road, East Lyme (Niantic), Connecticut.

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

Emergency Disaster Recovery Deployment - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC temporary cellular communications site on town-owned property located at 161 Cosey Beach Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut. Request to Waive Application Fee. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to waive the application fee, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Disaster Recovery Deployment - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC temporary cellular communications site at the Guilford Police Department located at 400 Church Street, Guilford, Connecticut. Request to Waive Application Fee. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to waive the application fee, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

CSC Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.

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

Administrative Matters.

Dr. Bell moved to take up the Wind Regulations Subcommittee Matter, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bell moved to remove the Wind Regulations Subcommittee Matter from the table, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Golembiewski moved for the Council to hold a Public Forum in lieu of having a Wind Regulations Subcommittee. The Public Forum will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, from 1:30-5:00 p.m. and 6:30-9:00 p.m. The Location is to be determined. Mr. Golembiewski will act as liaison in consultation with DEEP, and Mr. Levesque will act as liaison in consultation with PURA on drafting regulations as required under Public Act 11-245. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Tait announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011.

Other calendar dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 27, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, public hearing reopening for Docket No. 415 (Cellco/Woodstock), in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Tuesday, October 4, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, ISO-New England Council Member tour, in Massachusetts
- Tuesday, October 11, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, evidentiary hearing continuation for Docket No. 420 (AT&T/North Stonington), in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Thursday, October 13, 2011, Wind Regulations Forum. Time and Place TBA.
- Thursday, October 20, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut
- Thursday, October 27, 2011, beginning at **2:00 p.m. field review/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.** public hearing for Docket No. 422 (No. Atlantic/Cingular), at the Watertown High School Auditorium, 324 French Street, Watertown, Connecticut

Adjournment.

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Tait adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman

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