

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 27, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:01 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Michael W. Klemens
Robert Silvestri

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Michael Harder
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of March 30, 2017

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2017; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Harder abstaining.

2. DOCKET NO. 470 - NTE Connecticut, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

This item was passed temporarily.

3. **DOCKET NO. 472 - 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 Bridgeport Tax Assessor's Map 85, Block 2805, Lot 29, 541 Broadbridge Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Levesque arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Lynch moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the deposition of the transcript in the City of Bridgeport, and the Towns of Stratford and Trumbull, a public field review beginning at 2:00 p.m., an evidentiary hearing beginning at 3:00 p.m., and a public comment session beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Bridgeport, on Thursday, June 15, 2017; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the motion for protective order; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously

4. **PETITION NO. 1230 - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to its existing Stony Hill Substation including the installation of a new access road to the substation on Eversource's property located at 49 Stony Hill Road, Brookfield, Connecticut. Access Road Site Plan.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Access Road Site Plan with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1291 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the Towantic Line Upgrades Project that includes rebuilding and reconductoring approximately 4.4 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt electric transmission lines within existing Eversource right of way between Devon 7R Substation and East Devon Junction both located in the City of Milford, Connecticut; between the West Devon Junction located in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut and Trumbull Junction located in the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut; and between Devon 7R Substation located in the City of Milford, Connecticut and West Devon Junction located in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the following additional conditions:

- The petitioner shall submit a copy of the Soil Management Plan approved by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to the Council;

- The petitioner shall submit a copy of the Certificate of Permission granted by DEEP Office of Long Island Sound Programs to the Council; and
- Any structures that the petitioner intends to install outside of the former coal ash disposal area cap shall be installed in such a way so that the construction of such structures does not impact the cap.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens abstaining.

6. **PETITION NO. 1292 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Digital Realty, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 2 Megawatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Digital Realty building, 80 Merritt Boulevard, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **TS-T-MOBILE-125-170330 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 7 Surdan Mountain Road, Sharon, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Hannon stated for the record that he read the record of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Chairman Stein, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Harder in favor of denying this application without prejudice, and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order denying the application without prejudice to be reviewed at the next meeting.

8. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- Tuesday, May 2, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 471 at the Legislative Council Chambers, Memorial Town Hall, 2372 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 11, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 25, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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