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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 14, 2019

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Acting Chairman Murphy at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Acting Chairman
Edward Edelson
Michael Harder
Michael W. Klemens
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Acting Chairman Betkoski)
Robert Silvestri

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of January 17, 2019.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2019; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Levesque and Mr. Harder abstaining.

2. DOCKET NO. 253 - AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 151 Young Street, East Hampton, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.

TS-T-MOBILE-042-181105 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 151 Young Street, East Hampton, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to reopen the matter without a hearing to eliminate Condition No. 3 of the Decision and Order that required all panel antennas be installed on the monopole using a flush mount or T-arm mount design; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the tower share request with the condition that approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Motion to Reopen.**

Dr. Klemens moved to grant the Motion to Reopen and Modify the Council's May 11, 2017 decision to deny without prejudice a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b); seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1357 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed modifications to an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 1052 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1358 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on a new approximately 34-foot Eversource-owned utility pole that is not used principally for electric distribution service located in a public right-of-way adjacent to 53 Goodwives River Road, Darien, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny this petition; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion failed with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Acting Chairman Murphy voting no.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Harder voting no.

6. **PETITION NO. 1359 - Crown Castle petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a temporary tower facility and associated equipment to be located at 445 Putnam Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri recused himself from this agenda item.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Harder. Upon discussion, Dr. Klemens moved to amend the motion to approve this petition with the additional condition that electrical equipment within the compound be placed above the 500-year flood zone; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

7. **PETITION NO. 1360 - Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a temporary rooftop tower facility and associated equipment to be located at 201 High Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Petition No. 1354 Thursday, February 21, 2019, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Killingworth Fire Station Meeting Room, 333 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, February 28, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED**

Adjournment.

Mr. Edelson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Acting Chairman

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