

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of February 13, 2007

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 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 1:37 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downes)
Brian Emerick
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)

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

Council Member Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

John Haines
Assistant Attorney General
S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Lepage
Siting Analyst

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa A. Fontaine

Minutes of February 6, 2007.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2007, as amended; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 263 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 8 Upper Meadow Road (CT-812), Granby, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve an extension, until September 30, 2007, to complete the construction of this project; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 317 - The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed 115-kV/13.8-kV electric substation and associated facilities located at 3-7 Wildflower Lane, Trumbull, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton requested an amended motion to restrict vegetation screening to no higher than 10 feet in the Right-of-Way. The motion failed.

Chairman Caruso requested a written vote on the record with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Caruso in favor of granting a Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 322 - Optasite, Inc. and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 12 Orchard Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Wilensky, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy in favor of granting a Certificate for the proposed Site B.

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

PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Discussion.

No action was taken on this matter. Executive Director Phelps discussed staff intentions to send the Attorney General's comment and the Connecticut Light and Power, United Illuminating, and the Department of Public Health Companies Agreement to the Council's consultant for comment.

PETITION NO. 784 - Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling 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. Discussion.

Mr. Emerick moved to approve that interrogatories be sent to address outstanding items; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

EM-T-MOBILE-062-070209 - T-Mobile notice of intent to install a temporary telecommunications facility at 4280 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut.

Mr. Tait moved to acknowledge T-Mobile notice of intent to install a temporary telecommunications facility; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update.

Mr. Phelps discussed the Council's legislative proposals which include:

- Telecommunications assessments to include the tower builders
- Increase energy assessment cap to \$1.5 million
- Charge late fees to past due invoice and assessment payments
- Increase Council member per diem from \$150 per event per day to \$200

Status of Litigation.

Since Assistant Attorney General Marconi was in court during this meeting, no discussion was held.

Statewide Site Decommissions/Removal Conditions.

Chairman Caruso designated Mr. Heffernan as Chairman of a committee to review the Statewide Site Decommissions and Removal Conditions. Mr. Emerick, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Cunliffe, and Mr. Perrone will serve as committee members.

Administrative Matters.

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Emerick. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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