

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of February 28, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, 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 1:38 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Frederick Riese
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)
James J. Murphy, Jr

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Barbara Currier Bell
Daniel P. Lynch
Ed Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Philip T. Ashton

Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downes)

Staff Members Present:

Robert L. Marconi
Assistant Attorney General
S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst

Christina Lepage
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Robert D. Mercier

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Swearing in of New Council Member.

Chairman Caruso directed Mr. Murphy to swear in Mr. Riese as the newest member of the Council. Mr. Riese was sworn in.

Minutes of February 14, 2008.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2008, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Wilensky and Mr. Tait abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 340 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1 Deerfield Lane, Ansonia, Connecticut. Modification of Decision and Order and Development and Management Plan.

No action was taken on this item.

DOCKET NO. 344 - MCF Communications bg, 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 Rich Road, Thompson, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Development and Management plan with the condition that the applicant adds a stockade fence and landscaped screening; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 356 - 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 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the application as complete, the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Farmington, and a public field review and hearing in Farmington on Tuesday, April 15, 2008; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 832 – Nextel Communications, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at North Main Street, Marlborough, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Wilensky moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve this petition, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Riese abstaining.

PETITION NO. 839 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a modification to an existing 345/115-kV Switching Station located on Long Mountain Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

PETITION NO. 846 – The Pfizer Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed addition to the combined heat and electric generating facility located at 445 Eastern Point Road, Groton, Connecticut. Decision.

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

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Riese abstaining.

PETITION NO. 848 – Frito-Lay, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction of a 5MW electric generating facility located at 1886 Upper Maple Street, Dayville, Connecticut. Schedule.

No action was taken on this item.

CONSENT CALENDAR BEGINS
ITEMS 9, 11-16

EM-VER-096-080204 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify existing telecommunications facility located at 33 Boardman Road a/k/a 86 Boardman Road, New Milford, Connecticut.

EM-VER-140-080207 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 580 Chapel Street, Thomaston, Connecticut.

EM-VER-168-080207 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 1440 Main Street, Woodbury, Connecticut.

EM-VER-100-080207 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 38 Lower Road, North Canaan, Connecticut.

TS-VER-065-080201 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Center Hill Road, Hartland, Connecticut.

TS-VER-065-080201 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 22 Welsh Road, East Hartland, Connecticut.

TS-VER-056-080201 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 150 Lost Acres Road, Granby, Connecticut.

Mr. Wilensky moved to acknowledge the above referenced regulatory exemptions and approve the above referenced tower share requests (items 9, 11-16) on the consent calendar; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

EM-CING-049-080206 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify existing telecommunications facility located at Town Farm Road, Enfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Murphy moved to acknowledge the above referenced regulatory exemption; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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