Meeting Minutes

Meeting of November 19, 2009

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 19, 2009, 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 2:12 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. CarusoEdward S. WilenskyChairmanBarbara Currier BellColin C. TaitJames J. Murphy, Jr.Vice ChairmanPhilip T. AshtonBrian Golembiewski

Council Members Absent

Wayne Estey Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)

(designee for Commissioner Marrella)

Staff Members Present:

S. Derek Phelps Christina Walsh
Executive Director Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst Supervisor Siting Analyst
Melanie Bachman David Martin
Staff Attorney Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Michael Perrone Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of November 5, 2009.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2009, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy abstaining.

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DOCKET NO. 225 - Kleen Energy Systems, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Electric Generating Facility and Switchyard on River Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the extension of the Certificate to November 30, 2010, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 334 - Sprint Nextel Corporation Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 186 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the extension until December 30, 2010, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 382 - 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 off of Lane Street, Huntington (Shelton), Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Golembiewski and Mr. Ashton in favor of granting a Certificate for a proposed telecommunications facility.

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

DOCKET NO. 387 - SBA Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 44 Gavitt Road, Barkhamsted, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant intervenor status for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 389 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Message Center Management application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two locations off Dayton Road in South Glastonbury, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete and approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Jessica Brito-Weston as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Glastonbury, and a public field review and hearing in Glastonbury on Thursday, January 21, 2010; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 390 - 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 15 Orchard Park Road, Madison, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete and approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Madison, and a public field review and hearing in Madison on Tuesday, January 5, 2010; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 918 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed modifications at three locations located at Bob White Lane, Trumbull; 36 Center Road, Easton; and corner of Route 80 and Twin Lakes Road, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 920 - The Clearwire Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed extension of an existing tower at 289H Mountain Street in Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

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TS-METROPCS-161-091030 - MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 128 Mather Street, Wilton, Connecticut.

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

TS-POCKET-131-091110 - Youghiogheny Communications-Northeast, LLC d/b/a Pocket Communications request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 440 Old Turnpike Road, Southington, Connecticut.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

Mr. Phelps announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

The Council wished Mr. Wilensky a Happy Birthday!

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso Chairman

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