Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 2, 2011

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 2, 2011, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robert Stein at 11:08 a.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein Chairman Larry Levesque (designee for Commissioner DelGobbo) Philip T. Ashton

Council Members Absent:

Colin Tait Vice Chairman Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski

Edward S. Wilensky

James J. Murphy, Jr.

Barbara Currier Bell

(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Staff Members Present:

Linda Roberts Executive Director Melanie Bachman Staff Attorney Robert Mercier Siting Analyst David Martin Siting Analyst Michael Perrone Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent

Christina Walsh Siting Analyst Supervisor

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy/Lisa Fontaine

Minutes of May 31, 2011.

This item was temporarily passed.

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PETITION NO. 983 - BNE Energy, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Flagg Hill Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant FairwindCT's Motion to Strike the Draft Interim Raptor Report filed by BNE, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilensky arrived at 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Findings of Fact, as amended, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Opinion, as amended, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton voting no.

The Council took a 15 minute break.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton voting no.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Conclusions of Law, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council took a break for lunch at 1 p.m. and resumed at 1:50 p.m.

Council and Staff not present after the break were Mr. Levesque and Mr. Perrone.

Minutes of May 31, 2011.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of May 31, 2011, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

PETITION NO. 984 - BNE Energy, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Winsted-Norfolk Road (Route 44), Colebrook, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant FairwindCT's Motion to Strike the Draft Interim Raptor Report filed by BNE, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to deny FairwindCT's Motion to Strike BNE's Post Hearing Brief, seconded

by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levesque arrived at 2:50 p.m.

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After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Levesque, and Chairman Stein, in favor of the proposed facility, and Mr. Ashton voting no.

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

Administrative Matters.

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011.

Adjournment.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein Chairman

RS/cm