

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 8, 2011

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 8, 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 1:13 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Colin Tait
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Philip T. Ashton

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman DelGobbo)
Barbara Currier Bell
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Edward S. Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Staff Members Present:

Linda Roberts
Executive Director
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst Supervisor
Robert L. Marconi
Assistant Attorney General

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of August 25, 2011.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2011, as amended, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

LIFE-CYCLE 2011 - Connecticut Siting Council Investigation into the Electric Transmission Line Life-Cycle Costs. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Tait moved to approve party status for The United Illuminating Company, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve party status for The Connecticut Light and Power Company, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. F-2010/11 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Final Report.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Final Report, as amended, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 225D - Kleen Energy Systems, LLC 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. Reopening of this docket pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b) limited to Council consideration of changed conditions and of the attachment of conditions to the certificate consistent with the findings and recommendations in the Executive Report issued by the Thomas Commission. Emergency Response Plan.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Emergency Response Plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 408 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 95 Balance Rock Road, Hartland, Connecticut. Petition for Reconsideration.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Petition for Reconsideration under C.G.S. § 4-181a(a), seconded by Dr. Bell. Chairman Stein requested a written vote on record with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Levesque, Dr. Bell, Mr. Tait, and Chairman Stein, in favor of approving the Petition for Reconsideration; and with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilensky voting no. The motion passed.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft Findings of Fact, Opinions, and Decision and Orders approving and denying the facility to be reviewed at a future meeting.

DOCKET NO. 421 - 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 158 Edison Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete, approve 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 Trumbull, and a public field review and hearing in Trumbull on Thursday, November 10, 2011; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 422 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the application as complete, 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 Watertown, and a public field review and hearing in Watertown on Thursday, October 27, 2011; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order consistent with the Conclusions of Law adopted in Docket No. 366-Danbury, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1000 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission remediation activities pursuant to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) facility ratings recommendation to industry. Request to Amend Condition 2.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the amendment of Condition #2 of the decision consistent with the Staff Report dated September 8, 2011, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1002 - UTC Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 400 kW Fuel Cell located at 2040 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.

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

Administrative Matters.

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011.

Other calendar dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 13, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, public hearing continuation for Docket No. 412 (SBA/Cingular/Bridgewater), in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Thursday, September 15, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, Council member tour of UTC fuel cell facility in South Windsor
- Tuesday, September 20, 2011, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** (field review)/**3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, field review and public hearing for Docket No. 420 (SBA/Cingular), at the North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company Main Meeting Room, 267 Norwich-Westerly Road, North Stonington, Connecticut
- Tuesday, September 27, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, public hearing reopening for Docket No. 415 (Cellco/Woodstock), in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

Mr. Murphy moved to table naming a subcommittee for the siting of wind projects, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to name Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, and Mr. Murphy, as members of the Legislative Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the billing of the energy industry for the LifeCycle costs, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tait moved that the Council enter into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. § 1-200(6), seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no. The Council and Staff, along with Assistant Attorney Generals Robert L. Marconi and Claire Kindall, entered into Executive Session at 2:34 p.m.

Mr. Tait moved to end the Executive Session at 3:02 p.m., seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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