

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 19, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Robert Silvestri

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Michael Harder

Council Members Absent:

Michael W. Klemens

Philip T. Ashton

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

1. Minutes of December 22, 2016.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of December 22, 2016, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

- 2. DOCKET NO. 466 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project that traverses the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, and Harwinton, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 10.4 miles between Eversource's existing Frost Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and existing Campville Substation in the Town of Harwinton; (b) related modifications to Frost Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and (c) reconfiguration of a 0.4 mile segment of two existing 115-kV electric transmission lines across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of Litchfield and Harwinton within the same existing right-of-way as the new 115-kV electric transmission line. Invasive Species Control Plan.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Invasive Species Control Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1184 - Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 63.3 Megawatt AC fuel cell facility located on Lopus Road, Beacon Falls, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan – Partial.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Fuel Cell Power Block and Water Interconnection portion of the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1247 – C-TEC Solar, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.75 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 1 Ballard Road, Thompson, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Phase II and III.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Phases II and III of the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon opposed.

5. **PETITION NO. 1264 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Frontier Communications Corporation, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 400-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Frontier building, 25 Butler Street, Meriden, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1271 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of the Hyllier dormitory building located at the University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1272 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Frontier Communications Corporation, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 1.4-Megawatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Frontier building, 310 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1274 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Frontier Communications Corporation, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 200-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Frontier building, 39 West Street, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1275 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Stanley Black & Decker, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 200-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Stanley Access Technologies building, 65 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 2, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1276 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Stanley Black & Decker, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 200-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Stanley Engineered Fastening building, 4 Shelter Rock Lane, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1277 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Stanley Black & Decker, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 250-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Stanley Black & Decker World Headquarters, 1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 2, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

- 12. PETITION NO. 1278 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Medtronic Inc., petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 200-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at 20 Middletown Avenue and a Customer-Side 300 Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at 195 McDermott Road, both located at the Medtronic campus in North Haven, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 9, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

- 13. PETITION NO. 1279 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for The TJX Companies Inc., petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 500-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the TJX building, 1415 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 9, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

- 14. PETITION NO. 1280 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 35-37 Danbury Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

- 15. PETITION NO. 1281 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a 35-kilowatt propane-fueled back-up generator and a 1,000 gallon propane tank at an existing wireless telecommunication facility located at 21 Acorn Road, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

- 16. PETITION NO. 1282 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to install a wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of the existing office building located at 208 Harbor Drive, Stamford, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 16, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

- 17. PETITION NO. 1283 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing Southington Substation located at 315 Belleview Avenue, Southington, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 20, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

- 18. PETITION NO. 1284 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for FedEx Ground, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 250-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the FedEx Ground building, 40 Kennedy Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 26, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

- 19. PETITION NO. 1285 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on a replacement light pole located at Samuel M. Peretz Park, 221 West Main Street, Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 28, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

- 20. TS-T-MOBILE-068-161118 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 38 Maple Street, Kent, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

- 21. TS-T-MOBILE-125-161214 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 70 Herb Road, Sharon, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Levesque moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that the antennas be camouflaged consistent with the Docket No. 185 Decision and Order, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- Thursday, January 26, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 470 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, February 2, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, February 16, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Executive Director Bachman updated the Council on the status of the appeal of Docket No. 192b.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Stein. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

RS/cm