

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 2, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 2, 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 1:01 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Michael Harder
Robert Silvestri

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Council Members Absent:

Michael W. Klemens

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of February 16, 2017

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2017; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Harder and Mr. Murphy abstaining.

2. DOCKET NO. 470 - NTE Connecticut, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. NTE Motion to Reopen Evidentiary Record for Limited Purpose. NAPP, Wyndham Land Trust, Sierra Club, and Connecticut Fund for the Environment Request for Administrative Notice.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Not Another Power Plant, Wyndham Land Trust, and Connecticut Fund for the Environment's Request for Administrative Notice; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve NTE's Motion to Reopen the Evidentiary Records for the limited purpose of introducing evidence related to NTE's participation in the ISO-New England 11th Forward Capacity Auction, with the evidentiary hearing to be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 1 p.m. in Hearing Room Two; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon and Mr. Harder opposing.

3. **PETITION NO. 1226 - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of the new 115-kV Towantic Switching Station to be located adjacent to the Towantic Generating Station on Woodruff Hill Road, Oxford, Connecticut and the proposed modifications within existing right-of-way to its existing 1575 and 1585 115-kV electric transmission line extending 6.1 miles from Bunker Hill Substation, located at Clough Road, Waterbury, south through Middlebury to the proposed Towantic Switching station and reconductoring of its existing 1575 115-kV electric transmission line extending one mile from the proposed new switching station south to Structure 1446 (Oxford Tap) located near the Oxford Substation, Commerce Drive, Oxford. FAA Modification.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition modifications with conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1263 - Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace an existing customer-side 400 kilowatt (kW) fuel cell facility with a 440-kW customer-side fuel cell facility located at Mount Sinai Hospital, 500 Blue Hills Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon.

Upon discussion, Mr. Silvestri made an amended motion to include an additional condition that Doosan shall submit post-construction noise measurements with any further mitigation measures necessary to ensure noise control standard compliance; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1287 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Redding to Wilton Project that includes structure and conductor replacements of approximately 5 miles of its existing No. 1470 115-kilovolt electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing Peaceable Substation located at 520 Peaceable Street in Redding, Connecticut and the existing Wilton Substation located at 53 Old Danbury Road in Wilton, Connecticut, and related substation and transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

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

6. **TS-T-MOBILE-014-170208 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Maple Street, Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- Perform repairs on the smokestack in accordance with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis Report prepared by International Chimney Corporation dated August 30, 2016 and stamped by David Domogala; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, T-Mobile shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch and passed unanimously.

7. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- Thursday, March 16, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, March 23, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** for Docket No. 470 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 2, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, March 30, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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