

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 16, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 16, 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 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

Council Members Absent:

Michael W. Klemens

Michael Harder

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 March 2, 2017

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2017; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

2. DOCKET NO. 30 - Century Norwich Corporation Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct a community antenna television tower in Norwich, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 76 - Century Cable Management Corporation Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a community antenna television tower in the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 471 - 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 at Hamden Tax Assessor's Map 2826, Block 24, 208 Kirk Road (a/k/a 1075 Paradise Avenue), Hamden, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Lynch moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Hamden, a public field review beginning at 2:00 p.m., an evidentiary hearing beginning at 3:00 p.m., and a public comment session beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Hamden on Tuesday, May 2, 2017; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to Patricia Sorrentino; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

5. **PETITION NO. 1265 - Doosan Fuel Cell America 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 460-kilowatt fuel cell facility to be located at the Norwich Inn and Spa, 607 West Thames Street, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1268 - Doosan Fuel Cell America, 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 460-kilowatt customer-side combined heat and power fuel cell facility to be located at the Unilever Research and Development Center building, 20 Merritt Boulevard, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1270 - 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 200-kilowatt fuel cell facility with a 460-kilowatt customer-side combined heat and power fuel cell facility to be located at the Fairfield Wastewater Treatment Facility, 183 Richard White Way, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **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. Decision.**

Chairman Stein recused himself from Petition No. 1282. Vice Chairman Murphy presided over the discussion on this matter.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Chairman Stein recusing.

Chairman Stein resumed his position as Chair.

9. **PETITION NO. 1286 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed West Brookfield Reliability Project that includes reconductoring of approximately 1.4 miles of its existing No. 1887 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing West Brookfield Substation located at 83 Prange Road and the existing West Brookfield Junction near Pocono Road in Brookfield, Connecticut, installation of two 14.4 Megavolt Ampere Reactive (MVAR) capacitor banks at the West Brookfield Substation located at 83 Prange Road, Brookfield, Connecticut and related substation and transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional condition that the petitioner install a vehicle access gate at the new Prange Road Substation entrance to discourage vehicle parking on the expanded access drive; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1288 - 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 to be attached to an existing chimney on the roof of the YWCA building located at 19 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

11. **PETITION NO. 1290 - 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 to be attached to an existing facade on the roof of The Pavilion Restaurant building located at 85 Swan Avenue, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

12. **TS-SMARTSKY-069-170227 - SmartSky Networks LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 280 Ross Road, Killingly, Connecticut.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- 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. Lynch 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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