

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of May 11, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 11, 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 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of April 27, 2017

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2017; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 424 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation. Motion for Protective Order – Final Report.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the motion for protective order; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens abstaining.

4. **DOCKET NO. 473 - Homeland Towers, LLC and 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 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Murphy 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 Towns of Easton and Fairfield, 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 Easton, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1296 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Home Depot, 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 and a 100 Kilowatt Auxiliary Battery Storage Facility to be located at the Home Depot building, 111 Universal Drive North, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report and with the following additional conditions:

- Provide a copy of the Emergency Response Plan to local emergency responders prior to facility operation and provide, if requested, Emergency Response training; and
- Installation of the auxiliary battery system (ABS) shall only occur after Underwriters Laboratories (UL) completes its safety evaluation and written notification shall be provided to the Council regarding completion of the UL listing.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy, and passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1297 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Home Depot, 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 and a 100 Kilowatt Auxiliary Battery Storage Facility to be located at the Home Depot building, 115 Putnam Boulevard, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report and with the following additional conditions:

- Provide a copy of the Emergency Response Plan to local emergency responders prior to facility operation and provide, if requested, Emergency Response training; and
- Installation of the auxiliary battery system (ABS) shall only occur after Underwriters Laboratories (UL) completes its safety evaluation and written notification shall be provided to the Council regarding completion of the UL listing.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Klemens, and passed unanimously.

7. **TS-T-MOBILE-055-170418 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 113 Brush Hill Road, Goshen, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request, subject to review of Docket No. 260 Development and Management Plan to determine if the fence expansion is encroaching on wetland areas; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **TS-T-MOBILE-074-170420 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1291 Bantam Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. Administrative Matters.

The Council discussed the cancellation of the June 8, 2017 Energy/Telecommunications meeting.

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- Thursday, May 25, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 13, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** for Docket No. 471 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 15, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 472 at the Bridgeport City Hall Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 22, 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. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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