

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of May 25, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 25, 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
Michael W. Klemens
Robert Silvestri

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

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of May 11, 2017

Mr. Harder moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. DOCKET NO. 461 - Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Request to Reopen.

Mr. Hannon moved to reopen this proceeding, based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b); seconded by Dr. Klemens with the clarification that the request was mislabeled as a petition for reconsideration rather than a motion to reopen. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant intervenor status to Morningside Circle Association; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule for processing the reopened docket as per staff recommendations, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Greenwich, a public field review beginning at 2 p.m., and public comment session beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Greenwich on Thursday, July 13, 2017; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Dr. Klemens moved to grant party status to Pamela Westmoreland; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1178 - DESRI CT Fusion Acquisition, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a ground-mounted 20 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on Potash Hill Road, Sprague, Connecticut. Construction Status.**

Mr. Murphy moved to attach the conditions noted in the May 19, 2017 Construction Inspections Staff Report to the approved Development and Management plan decision, dated September 1, 2016, with the additional condition that DESRI CT Fusion Acquisition, LLC submit to the Council a copy of its response to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Notice of Violation, dated April 25, 2017; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **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. Development and Management Plan - West Brookfield Substation.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the West Brookfield Substation Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and the following additional conditions:

- a) The proposed steel handrail on top of the retaining wall be replaced with a 3 to 4 foot high chain link fence; and
- b) Eversource shall submit to the Council specifications for the concrete washout station once a specific location is determined based on field conditions;

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1294 - LSE Canes Venatici LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 2.0 megawatt AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at East Windsor Tax Assessor Map 037, Block 65, Lot 027A, Wapping Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. (NORCAP North). Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, with the recommendation to establish vegetation that includes model pollinator habitat and the following additional conditions:

- a) The petitioner maintain grasses and forbs within the proposed sedimentation basin by mowing the basin once per year, outside of the wood turtle's active season of March 1st to November 1st; and
- b) A soil stabilization product be considered for topsoil and identified within the Development and Management Plan submission,

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1295 - LSE Coma Berenices LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 2.0 megawatt AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at East Windsor Tax Assessor Map 027, Block 65, Lot 031, 90 Wapping Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. (NORCAP South). Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the recommendation to establish vegetation that includes model pollinator habitat; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Harder voting no.

8. **PETITION NO. 1298 - 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, 440 Boston Post Road, Orange, Connecticut. Decision.

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

9. **PETITION NO. 1299 - Celco 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 the existing commercial building located at 777 Boston Post Road, Darien, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the recommendation that the petitioner consider the use of natural gas as the generator fuel source; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1300 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement and relocation of an existing rooftop telecommunications facility installed at the front of the building with a new rooftop telecommunications facility to be installed at the rear of the building located at 1 Circular Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than October 20, 2017; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

11. **TS-T-MOBILE-117-170428 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 80 Lonetown Road, Redding, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- The tower shall be reinforced in accordance with the Structural Analysis Report (Rev 2) prepared by Hudson Design Group LLC dated November 15, 2016 and stamped and signed by Gi Kai Wang and Tower Modification Details Sheet S-1 through Sheet S-4 dated April 17, 2017, stamped and signed by Daniel Hamm; 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 presented in the Structural Modification Report (Rev 2) and Tower Modification Details Sheet S-1 through Sheet S-4.

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

12. TS-T-MOBILE-020-170510 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 87 Monce Road, Burlington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

13. Administrative Matters.

In addition to the Docket No. 461A field review and public comment session on July 13, 2017, the following calendar events were also discussed:

- 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.
- Tuesday, June 20, 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. 473 at the Easton Public Library Community Room, 691 Morehouse Road, Easton, 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.

Dr. Klemens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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