

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 14, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 14, 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 Harder
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Michael W. Klemens
Robert Silvestri

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of August 31, 2017

Mr. Harder moved to approve the minutes of August 31, 2017; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. DOCKET NO. 468 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications. Independent Environmental Inspector.

Mr. Levesque moved to approve TRC as the independent environmental inspector for this project; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Dr. Klemens stated for the record that he read the record of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Chairman Stein, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Klemens, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Harder in favor of approving a monopole telecommunications facility at the proposed Alternate Site 2; Mr. Lynch in favor of approving a monopole telecommunications facility at the proposed Alternate Site 1; and Mr. Silvestri recusing.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the Alternate Site 2 facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended; seconded Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **DOCKET NO. 477 - 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 46 Cemetery Road, Canterbury, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of Transcript.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the schedule for processing the application as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1312 - Candlewood Solar LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut. Request Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant party and CEPA intervenor status to Rescue Candlewood Mountain; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1317 - Broad Street Fuel Cell, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.4 megawatt customer-side combined heat and power fuel cell facility to be located adjacent to and south of the Ferris Athletic Center at Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

8. **PETITION NO. 1318 - 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 telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 3039 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. **TS-T-MOBILE-011-170818 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 7 Hoskins Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

10. **TS-T-MOBILE-028-170818 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 600 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

11. TS-CING-043-170821 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

12. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Petition No. 1310, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Brooklyn Community Center Main Room, 31 Tiffany Street, Brooklyn, Connecticut.
- Petition No. 1312, Tuesday, September 26, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Roger Sherman Town Hall, E. Paul Martin Room, 10 Main Street, New Milford, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, September 28, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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