

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of December 7, 2017**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 7, 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  
Edward Edelson (arrived at 1:35 p.m.)  
Robert Silvestri

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

**Council Members Absent:**

Michael Harder

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**Staff Members Present:**

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

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Minutes of November 9, 2017**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2017; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

2. **PETITION NO. 1221 - Windham 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 two 1.0 Megawatt and one 1.5 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facilities located at 91 Plainfield Pike Road, Plainfield, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the Motion to Reopen pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b); seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

3. **PETITION NO. 1310 - Quinebaug 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 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order denying the proposed project without prejudice; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Levesque stated for the record that he read the transcripts of the proceeding.

Mr. Edelson arrived at 1:35 p.m.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed project, Mr. Edelson abstaining, and Dr. Klemens recusing.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. **PETITION NO. 1313 - DWW Solar II, 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 26.4 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 289 acres comprised of 5 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally west of Hopmeadow Street (US 202/CT 10), north and south of Hoskins Road, and north and east of County Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's North Simsbury Substation west of Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Hannon moved to deny Flammini, et al's December 1, 2017 Request for Administrative Notice on the basis that it was submitted 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record and requests administrative notice of items that are either already in the record or that are irrelevant to the record; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

Dr. Klemens moved to reject Flammini, et al's December 1, 2017 Memorandum in Opposition to DWW's Petition for Declaratory Ruling on the basis that it was submitted 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record and presents new information and argument in contravention of the Council's hearing procedure; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Klemens, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Stein in favor of approving the proposed project with concerns/conditions that would be addressed at the Development and Management Plan stage of the project; Mr. Silvestri undecided; and Mr. Edelson abstaining

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. **PETITION NO. 1330 - MCM Communications, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a temporary tower facility and associated equipment to be located on Connecticut Water Company property at 1542 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, 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.

7. **PETITION NO. 1331 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of two small cell telecommunications facilities at Lime Rock Park, 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**8. PETITION NO. 1332 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side one-megawatt fuel cell facility to be located at the FedEx Ground building, Middle Street, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**9. Connecticut Siting Council Revised Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget.**

Mr. Levesque moved to approve the revised Fiscal Year 2019 budget and send it to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

**10. Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Docket No. 477 Tuesday, December 12, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Canterbury Community Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, December 21, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robin Stein**  
**Chairman**

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