

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 21, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 21, 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
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
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of December 7, 2017

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2017, as amended; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Harder and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 461A - Eversource Energy 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. Town of Greenwich Petition for Reconsideration.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the Town of Greenwich November 29, 2017 Petition for Reconsideration; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 473 - Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

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

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, approving the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Harder voting no, Dr. Klemens recusing, and Mr. Edelson abstaining.

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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Murphy and Dr. Klemens stated for the record that they read the transcripts of the proceeding.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, approving the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

6. **PETITION NO. 1333 - 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 a small cell telecommunications facility on the facade of the existing Enfield Fire District 1 building located at 200 Phoenix Avenue, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1334 - 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 a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing the Residence at Brookside building located at 117 Simsbury Road, Avon, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **PETITION NO. 1335 - 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 a small cell telecommunications facility on the façade on an existing commercial building located at 1187 East Main Street (Route 66) Meriden, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

9. **PETITION NO. 1336 - 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 modifications to an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 8 Custom Drive, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

10. TS-VER-144-171122 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Jeffrey Place, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.

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

11. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, January 4, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut **CANCELED.**
- Docket No. 478 Thursday, January 11, 2018, **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 Glastonbury Town Hall Council Chambers, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, January 18, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Docket No. 479 Tuesday, January 23, 2018, **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 Bridgeport City Hall Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Mr. Hannon congratulated staff on their hard work over the last three months on the solar petitions that were before the Council.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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