

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 2, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 2, 2018, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chairman Murphy at 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein (arrived 1:20 p.m.)
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Edward Edelson
Michael Harder

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Michael W. Klemens
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Robert Silvestri

Council Members Absent:

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Ifenyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of July 19, 2018

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2018; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Edelson abstaining.

2. FORECAST-2017/2018 - Connecticut Siting Council 2018 Ten Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Public Comment Session Schedule.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Public Comment Session Schedule as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

3. DOCKET NO. 484 - 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 at one of three locations at 72 Ragged Hill Road, Pomfret, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

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

4. PETITION NO. 983 - BNE Energy, Inc. Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Flagg Hill Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Motion for Extension to Complete Construction.

Dr. Klemens and Mr. Lynch recused from discussion.

Mr. Edelson moved to table the Motion for Extension to Complete Construction to receive justification for the 3-year extension request; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Harder voting no and Dr. Klemens and Mr. Lynch recusing.

5. PETITION NO. 1220 - Windham Solar LLC Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of three 2.0 Megawatt and one 1.0 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facilities located at 1219 and 1240 Voluntown Road, Griswold, Connecticut. Partial Development and Management Plan - Site Clearing Request.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan for Site Clearing with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded for discussion purposes by Dr. Klemens. After discussion, Mr. Hannon moved to table this item until further information is received regarding soil erosion control measures; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1347 - GRE GACRUX LLC petition for a Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, 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 December 17, 2018; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **TS-T-MOBILE-029-180613 - T-Mobile request to amend an order for tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 382 Colebrook River Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to take this item off of the table; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council acknowledged the withdrawal letter for this tower share, rendering it moot.

8. **TS-T-MOBILE-069-180301 - T-Mobile request to amend an order for tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1375 North Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.**

This item remained on the table.

9. **Administrative Matters.**

- a. **T-Mobile Northeast, LLC Request for Connecticut Siting Council to Assume Jurisdiction over a Proposed Non-Jurisdictional Telecommunications Facility to be located at Western Connecticut State University, Ruth Haas Library, 181 White Street, Danbury, Connecticut, pursuant to Conn. Gen. State. §16-50k(e).**

Dr. Klemens moved to assume jurisdiction over the proposed non-jurisdictional telecommunications facility and allow T-Mobile to submit a petition for a declaratory ruling for the construction, maintenance and operation of the rooftop telecommunications facility at Western Connecticut State University; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, August 16, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut **CANCELED.**
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, August 30, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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