

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of August 30, 2018**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:04 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Vice Chairman  
Edward Edelson  
Michael W. Klemens

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

**Council Members Absent:**

Michael Harder

**Staff Members Present:**

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

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Minutes of August 2, 2018**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 2018; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Levesque abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 474 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the partial Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **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. Murphy moved to take this item off of the table; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the extension to complete construction until September 23, 2021; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Lynch recusing.

4. **PETITION NO. 1137 - Windham Solar, LLC Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of five 1.0 MW and one 1.1 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating facilities located at 1 Williams Crossing Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Request for Amendment.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the request to amend the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion failed with Chairman Stein, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Edelson, and Mr. Silvestri in favor of the amendment with the conditions noted, and Mr. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Levesque, and Dr. Klemens voting no.

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

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan – Site Clearing Request with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Dr. Klemens voting no.

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. Request for Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve intervenor status to Save the River-Save the Hills, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **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.**

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

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

8. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, September 13, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut
- Docket No. 484 Tuesday, September 18, 2018, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Abington Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, 542 Hampton Road, Pomfret, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, September 27, 2018, 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 1:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

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