



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting of September 27, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 27, 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 1:05 p.m.

#### Council Members Present:

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Vice Chairman  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)  
Edward Edelson  
Michael W. Klemens  
Robert Silvestri

#### Council Members Absent:

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman Dykes)

Michael Harder

#### 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 August 30, 2018

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of August 30, 2018; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. DOCKET NO. 483 - The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Pequonnock Substation Rebuild Project that entails construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8-kilovolt (kV) gas insulated replacement substation facility located 700 feet southwest of UI's existing Pequonnock substation on an approximately 3.7 acre parcel owned by PSEG Power Connecticut, LLC at 1 Kiefer Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements. Draft Findings of Fact.**

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

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. Silvestri, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon and Chairman Stein unanimously in favor of the proposed project with an additional 2 feet above the 17-foot originally proposed design flood elevation.

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

- 3. PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Annual Review.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve that no revisions be made to the Council's current Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields, dated February 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. PETITION NO. 1345 - Pawcatuck Solar Center 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 15 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 353 acres comprised of four abutting parcels located east of Pendleton Hill Road, north of the Pawcatuck River and south of Interstate-95 with proposed access from Ella Wheeler Road, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Shunock Substation west of Pendleton Hill Road in North Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the alternate site layout and with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Upon discussion, Mr. Lynch moved to table this item to obtain further information on the feasibility of the petitioner relocating panels from the northeast hillside section to more level areas within the site boundaries; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1348 - Safari Energy, LLC, as agent for West Farms Mall, 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 2.019-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at West Farms Mall, 1500 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford and 500 South Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with recommendations that the petitioner proactively initiate the offer to train local fire and emergency departments and consider additional landscaping in the vicinity of the parking canopy area; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **TS-T-MOBILE-167-180529 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1116 Johnson Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny this tower share request; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **TS-T-MOBILE-029-180227 - T-Mobile second request to amend an order for tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 382 Colebrook River Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share amendment request; seconded by Dr. Klemens for discussion purposes only. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens voting no.

8. **Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 Biennium Budget.**

Mr. Edelson moved to present the budget, as amended, to the energy and telecommunications industries for comment, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Administrative Matters.**

**PETITION NO. 1293 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission facility asset condition maintenance improvements to comply with the updated National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements. Sub-petition BR-02\_Bethel\_Redding. Town of Redding Request for Party Status and Motion for Hearing.**

Mr. Murphy moved to add this item to the agenda; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the Town of Redding's Request for Party Status and Motion for Hearing; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed:

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- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, October 11, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, October 25, 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 Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

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