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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of October 25, 2018**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 25, 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 1:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

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

Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)  
Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman Dykes)  
Robert Silvestri

**Council Members Absent:**

Edward Edelson

Michael Harder

**Staff Members Present:**

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

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Mathews

**1. Minutes of October 11, 2018**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2018; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 484 - Celco 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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Levesque arrived at 1:08 p.m. during the draft Findings of Fact review.

Mr. Levesque and Mr. Lynch stated for the record they read the record and 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, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of proposed Site C, Mr. Levesque in favor of proposed Site A, and Mr. Silvestri and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the proposed Site C facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. **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 take this item off the table, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and using the Alternate 2 Site layout as depicted on Drawing WJ 111; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Hannon opposed.

4. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Lynch. After a discussion, Mr. Hannon and Mr. Lynch withdrew the motion to approve. Dr. Klemens moved to deny the petition without prejudice; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1349 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed extension of an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 250 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **PETITION NO. 1350 - EIP Investment 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 19.98-megawatt combined heat and power fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located within Building 107 on the corner of Curtis Street and the Pan Am Southern, LLC railroad tracks at the Stanley Black & Decker Campus, 480 Myrtle Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that the emergency response plan is shared with emergency responders and the City of New Britain; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **TS-CING-046-181001 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, November 8, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Mr. Lynch recused himself from Petition No. 1352 in Enfield.

**Adjournment.**

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

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/lm