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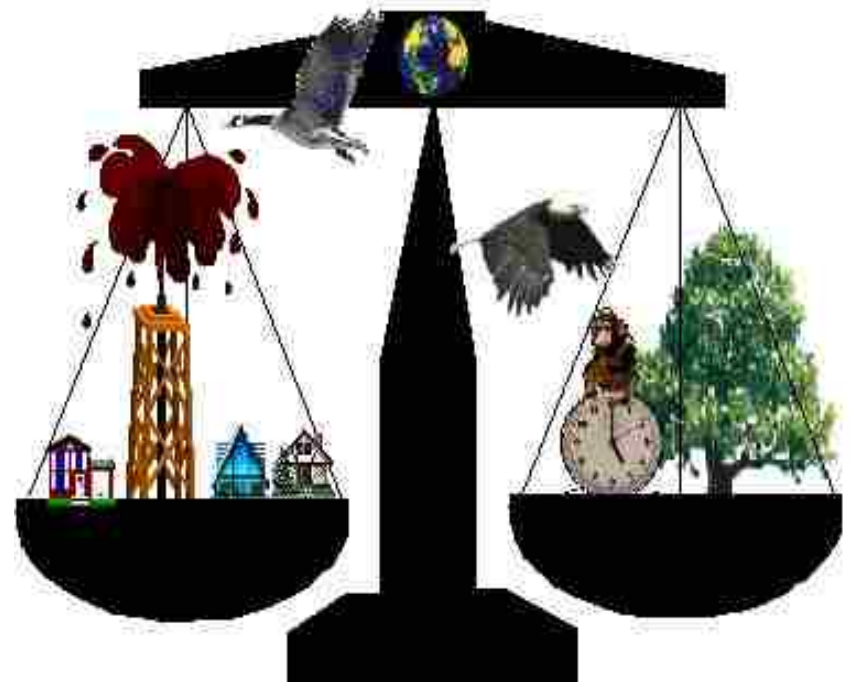


STATUTORY AUTHORITY

- **Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, C.G.S. §4-166, *et seq.***
- **Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, C.G.S. 16-50g, *et seq.***
- **Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, §16-50j-1, *et seq.***

CSC PURPOSE

To balance the need for adequate and reliable public utility services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers with the need to protect the environment and ecology of the state and to minimize damage to scenic, historic and recreational values.



APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED (CECPN)

Balance the public need or public benefit for a proposed facility with the effects on the environment.

**Public Need
or Public
Benefit**



**Adverse
Environmental
Effects**

PRE-HEARING APPLICATION PROCESS

Municipal Consultation

- Applicants must consult with the host municipality for at least 60 days for an energy project before submitting an application to the Siting Council

Completeness Review

- 30-day Siting Council staff review of application for required information

Public Hearing

- If complete, application is placed on meeting agenda for approval of a schedule for a public hearing in the host municipality

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

Public Field Review

- 2 PM public field review of proposed site

Afternoon Evidentiary Session

- 3 PM applicant, party and intervenor exhibit verification and cross examination by Council, parties and intervenors

Evening Public Comment Session

- 7 PM oral limited appearance statements from members of the public
- Parties and intervenors and their witnesses may not speak during public comment session

POST HEARING PROCESS

Close of record

- Evidentiary record closes when public hearing is adjourned
- Applicant, parties and intervenors may submit briefs and proposed findings of fact

Public comment period

- Public comment record closes 30 days after the adjournment of the evidentiary hearing

Final Decision

- CSC deliberates and votes on application during regular meeting held every other Thursday afternoon

PETITION FOR A DECLARATORY RULING

Evaluation of whether a proposed facility or modification to an existing facility would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect and therefore, would not require a CECPN

**Substantial
Adverse
Environmental
Effect**



**No Substantial
Adverse
Environmental
Effect**

PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS PROCESS

Notice of filing of petition

- Petitioner must submit copy to chief elected official of host municipality
- Additional notice requirements for certain types of petitions

Public Field Review

- Assigned staff analyst, 1 or 2 Council members and any interested persons attend public field review of proposed site

Decision

- Within 60 days of receipt of petition, Council must take action to approve, deny, set date for decision, hold a public hearing or start regulation-making process

SITING COUNCIL JURISDICTION ENERGY FACILITIES



- Electric transmission lines ≥ 69 kilovolts (kV)
- Fuel transmission facilities with a design capability of more than 200 pounds per square inch gauge pressure
- Electric generating or storage facilities using any fuel, including renewable energy facilities with a generating capacity of > 1 megawatt (MW)
- Substations and switchyards ≥ 69 kV

PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS ENERGY FACILITIES

CGS § 16-50k(a) - electric generating projects with a generating capacity under 65 MW and fuel cells shall be approved by petition for a declaratory ruling if comply with air and water quality standards of the DEEP



Fuel Cells



Wind
Projects



Solar Projects

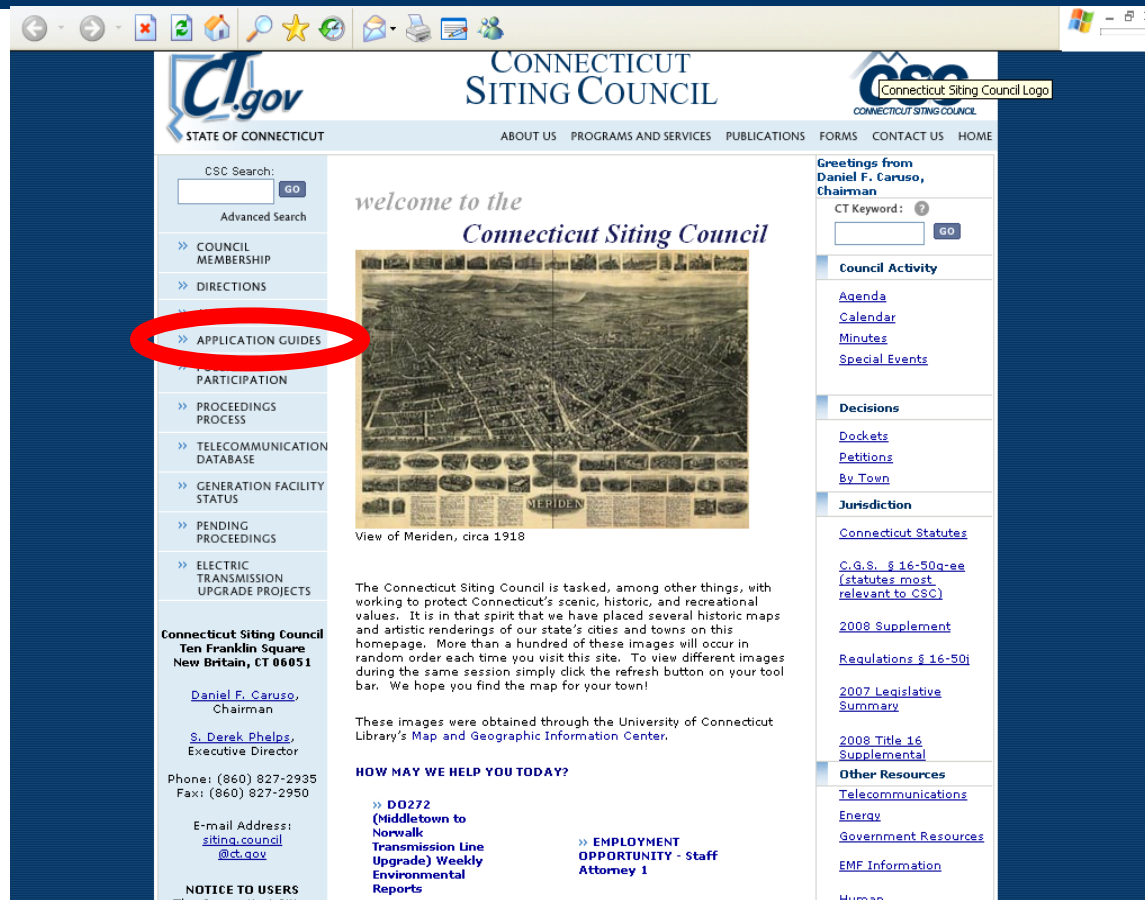


Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan)

- A final site plan including facility structure and foundation specifications, associated equipment, access road, utility service, electrical interconnection, landscaping features, wildlife protection plans, re-vegetation, etc.
- Construction plans for site clearing, grading, landscaping, water drainage, and erosion and sedimentation controls



CSC Website



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