

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of November 5, 2010**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Friday, November 5, 2010, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:10 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Judge Daniel F. Caruso Chairman	Colin C. Tait Vice Chairman
Brian Golembiewski (designee for Commissioner Marrella)	Barbara Currier Bell
Larry Levesque (designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)	Philip T. Ashton James J. Murphy, Jr. Edward S. Wilensky

**Council Members Absent**

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**Staff Members Present:**

Linda Roberts Executive Director	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Melanie Bachman Staff Attorney	David Martin Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Siting Analyst	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**Minutes of October 21, 2010.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2010, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 192 - Towantic Energy, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 512 megawatt electric generating facility located approximately 4,000 feet north of the Prokop Road and Towantic Hill Road intersection in the Town of Oxford, Connecticut. Request for Extension.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the extension of time to complete construction at this site to June 1, 2016; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Bell and Mr. Wilensky voting no.

**DOCKET NO. 405 - 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 located at 422 Rockville Road or 81 James Road, Voluntown, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 407 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 77-145 Pleasant Point Road, Branford, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 408 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 95 Balance Rock Road, Hartland, Connecticut. Completeness Review. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Murphy moved that this application was complete; and designated Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 409 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 8 Barnes Road, Canaan (Falls Village), Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Protective Order; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 965 - Clear Wireless LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 95 High Street, Portland, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- The applicant should consult with the Town of Portland regarding possible landscape plantings adjacent to the compound to improve aesthetics;
- Prior to the antenna/dish installation, the foundation shall be reinforced per Section 6 of the structural analysis report dated August 31, 2010 and sealed by Richard A. Sambor, P.E.;
- Prior to the antenna/dish installation, a signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the reinforcements have been properly completed and the foundation does not exceed 100 percent of its post-construction structural rating.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 966 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing CL&P Williams Substation located at 469 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 967 - Clear Wireless LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the attachments of antennas to a smokestack of an existing facility located at 2825 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- Clearwire install its antennas as indicated in the drawings dated 11/02/10; and
- Prior to antenna installation, a signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the structure on which the antennas are installed does not exceed 100 percent of its post-construction structural rating.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed with Mr. Ashton voting no.

**PETITION NO. 968 - Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC petition for declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed addition to the Algonquin interstate natural gas transmission, comprised of a 12-inch diameter lateral located at 1866 River Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved that this proposal is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with the Council having only an advisory role, and would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 969 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a telecommunications facility located at 33 Neptune Avenue, East Haddam, Connecticut.  
Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-CLEARWIRE-138-100730 - Clear Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 23 Stonybrook Road, Stratford, Connecticut.**

Mr. Murphy moved to remove this item from the table; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that the proposed antennas and microwave dishes be flush mounted on the tower in compliance with the Decision and Order for this docket (No. 385); seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-CLEARWIRE-051-100831 - Clear Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 2189 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut.**

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Chairman Caruso and Mr. Tait voting no.

Mr. Tait moved to table this tower share request until Clearwire contacts the Town of Fairfield to discuss the project; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**EM-CL&P-096-100903 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 26 Chapin Road, New Milford, Connecticut.**

**PETITION NO. 977 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 26 Chapin Road, New Milford, Connecticut.**

Mr. Tait moved to remove this item from the table; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tait moved to approve this tower share request as a petition (Petition No. 977); seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-T-MOBILE-011-100930 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 8 Hoskins Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve this tower share request with the conditions that:

- The tower's foundation be reinforced in accordance with recommendations made in the Structural Analysis Report prepared by Centek Engineering dated August 20, 2010 and stamped by Carlo Centore; and
- Prior to antenna installation, a signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the foundations reinforcement have been completed and the tower and foundation do not exceed 100 percent of the post-construction structural rating.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton and passed unanimously.

**TS-T-MOBILE-092-100930 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 170 Southeast Road, New Hartford, Connecticut.**

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

**Budget.**

Mr. Tait moved to approve sending the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 as amended to the regulated community allowing a 30-day comment period, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**CSC Ethics Policy**

Mr. Ashton moved to reaffirm this policy; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters.**

Ms. Roberts announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010. Ms. Roberts announced the following upcoming Council activity:

Tuesday, November 16, 2010  
DO 406 (UI/Orange) Public Hearing  
2:00 p.m. field review/3/7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30, 2010  
DO 405 (Verizon/Voluntown) Public Hearing  
*1:45 p.m. field review-2 sites/3/7:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, November 23, 2010  
404 (Cingular/Redding) Public Hearing  
2:00 p.m. field review/3/7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 2010  
Thursday, December 9, 2010  
Tuesday, December 14, 2010  
DO NT-2010 (LOB) Public Hearing  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Ashton initiated discussion on a letter from the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) that recommended a change in notice requirements for cell-tower applications. No action was taken.

In honor of Veteran's Day, Chairman Caruso recognized and thanked Mr. Wilensky for his military service.

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Daniel F. Caruso**  
**Chairman**

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