

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of June 23, 2011**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 23, 2011, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robert Stein at 1:10 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
Colin Tait  
Vice Chairman  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.  
Philip T. Ashton

Brian Golembiewski  
(designee for Commissioner Esty)  
Edward S. Wilensky  
James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Barbara Currier Bell

**Council Members Absent:**

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Commissioner DeGobbo)

**Staff Members Present:**

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director  
Melanie Bachman  
Staff Attorney

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Staff Members Absent**

Christina Walsh  
Siting Analyst Supervisor

David Martin  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of June 9, 2011.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2011, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 225 - Kleen Energy Systems, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Electric Generating Facility and Switchyard on River Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Request for Extension.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve an extension of time until July 31, 2011 to complete construction, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 414 - 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 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed facility.

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

**DOCKET NO. 417 - 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 Moose Hill Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order. Revised Schedule.**

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revised schedule with a hearing on August 18, 2011, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 784 - Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve PRE commencing with site clearing and retaining Anchor Engineering Services, Inc. as the environmental inspector, except for the HDD portion of the project, with the condition that Anchor submit monthly inspection reports. The Council also required that PRE retain an outside environmental inspector experienced in HDD to monitor the HDD installation. PRE shall submit the name and qualification of this individual for Council approval prior to the commencement of HDD operations. The Council required that PRE send a courtesy copy of the D&M plan to the Towns of

Plainfield and Canterbury, CL&P, the Friends of the Quinebaug River and the Rivers Alliance. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Chairman Stein abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 973 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace and expand an existing structure located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 990 - 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 extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 577 Bell Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- The tower and foundation shall be reinforced per the structural analysis report dated September 7, 2010 and sealed by Richard Sambor, P.E. prior to the antenna installation; and
- Prior to the 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 reinforcements have been properly completed and the tower and foundation do not exceed 100 percent of their respective post-construction structural ratings.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**Administrative Matters.**

Mr. Golembiewski arrived at 1:55 p.m.

Ms. Roberts provided the Council with a recap of the 2011 Legislative Session and how it would impact the agency.

Ms. Bachman explained the legal issues with Public Act 11-107 and gave the reasoning behind a Resolution that the Council should consider passing. If the Council passes said Resolution, it will be sent to the Governor's office for the consideration of inclusion in the veto package.

Mr. Tait moved to pass the Council's Resolution in regards to Public Act 11-107, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2011.

Other calendar dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, July 12, 2011, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** (field review)/**3:00 p.m.**(hearing)/**7:00 p.m.**(public session) public hearing for Docket No. 418 (AT&T) at the Willington Public Library Community Room, 70 Ruby Road, Willington.
- Thursday, July 14, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain.
- Thursday, July 28, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain.

**Adjournment.**

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm