

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of August 11, 2011**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 11, 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 1:08 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)  
Barbara Currier Bell  
Larry Levesque  
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)

**Council Members Absent:**

James J. Murphy, Jr.

Edward S. Wilensky

**Staff Members Present:**

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director  
Melanie Bachman  
Staff Attorney  
Christina Walsh  
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
David Martin  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of July 28, 2011.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of July 28, 2011, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. F-2010/11 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Final Report.**

Mr. Tait moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**LIFE-CYCLE 2011 – Connecticut Siting Council Investigation into the Electric Transmission Line Life-Cycle Costs. Schedule.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Council's office in New Britain, and a hearing in New Britain on Tuesday, November 15, 2011; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 316A - SBA Infrastructure LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 50 Fairchild Road in Middletown, 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, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Levesque, and Mr. Ashton in favor of modifying the facility; and Chairman Stein abstaining.

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

**DOCKET NO. 370 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of (1) The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby and Suffield, Connecticut; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Proposed Material Staging Site. Proposed Post-Construction Electric and Magnetic Field Monitoring Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the material staging site, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Tait, Mr. Lynch, and Chairman Stein abstaining.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the EMF Monitoring Plan, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Chairman Stein abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 390 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility at 15 Orchard Park Road, Madison, Connecticut. Request for an Extension of Time.**

Mr. Tait moved to approve a 6-month extension of time for the facility to commence operations, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 391 - 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 232 Shore Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

No action was taken on this item.

**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. Town of Branford Request for a Continuance.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant the Town of Branford's motion for a 90-day continuance, seconded by Dr. Bell. 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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

The Council reviewed the Draft Findings of Fact. The Chairman and Dr. Bell stated for the record that they had read the transcripts and all the documents in the proceeding and intend to participate in the vote. Chairman Stein also stated that he had visited the site. At this time, Mr. Lynch has yet to read the transcript and intends to abstain.

Mr. Tait moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 998 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing Connecticut Light and Power substation located at Franklin Drive, Torrington, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 999 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing Connecticut Light and Power substation located at Manhattan Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, with the condition that the petitioner file a landscaping plan, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1000 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission remediation activities pursuant to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) facility ratings recommendation to industry. Decision.**

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

1. CL&P shall file with the Council a sub-petition for each site-specific remediation activity that includes:
  - a. The exact location of the remediation activity;
  - b. Description of the remediation activity;
  - c. Description of access routes to areas of remediation;
  - d. An impact statement relating to the potential environmental effects of construction; and
  - e. A mitigation plan for any identified environmental impact
2. CL&P shall provide notice to the town(s) and abutting property owners of the proposed remediation activity with a copy of the site-specific sub-petition indicating that comments or concerns should be submitted to the Council within 30 days of the date that the sub-petition is sent to the town(s) and abutting property owners. Proof of such notice shall be provided to the Council.
3. The Council shall have discretion to request additional information, conduct field reviews, deliberate during a regular meeting, or hold a public hearing on any site-specific sub-petition that is filed.
4. The Council delegated authority to approve site-specific remediation activity sub-petitions to staff.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-METROPCS-033-110720MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-METROPCS-131-110720MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1394 Route 322, Southington, Connecticut.**

Mr. Tait moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-METROPCS-108-110720MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 338 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut.**

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

**MetroPCS Request for Extensions of Time of Various Exempt Modifications in East Lyme, Griswold, Killingly, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, North Stonington, Norwich, Plainfield, Putnam, Thompson, and Waterford.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant an additional one year extension to modify these facilities, with the condition that MetroPCS provide the Council with more information if they need another extension, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters.**

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2011.

Other calendar dates are as follows:

- Thursday, August 18, 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. 417 (T-Mobile) at the Community Center, Guilford Room, 32 Church Street, Guilford, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, August 30, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, public hearing reopening for Docket No. 416 (Cellco/Bloomfield), in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Tait moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein  
Chairman**

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