

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 1, 2011

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

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Colin Tait
Vice Chairman
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman DelGobbo)

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

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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 November 17, 2011.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2011, seconded by Mr. Murphy. No vote was taken.

Mr. Murphy moved to table the Minutes of November 17, 2011, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 400 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 343 Daleville Road, Willington, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Tait moved to grant an extension for construction of the facility until February 2, 2013, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 410 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 234 Melba Street, Milford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate to Construction Services Towers, LLC, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Dr. Bell abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 423 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC, and 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 off of Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Woodstock, and a public field review and hearing in Woodstock on Tuesday, January 10, 2012; seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 501A - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the approval upgrade in Petition No. 501 for the existing Connecticut Light and Power Company electric transmission facility located at 27 Cannon Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 984 - BNE Energy, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Winsted-Norfolk Road (Route 44), Colebrook, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

This item was passed temporarily.

PETITION NO. 1009 - 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 installation of a 85-foot steel pole and associated radio communications equipment located at Rapids Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.

No action was taken on this item.

PETITION NO. 1012 - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications of an existing telecommunications facility located at 75 Wells Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Levesque moved to approve this petition with the condition that MetroPCS install one additional planting on the south side of the compound, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1013 - United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed 8300 Line reconfiguration in New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

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

CSC Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Budget for FY 2013, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tait left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Administrative Matters.

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2011.

Other calendar dates are as follows:

- ♦ Tuesday, December 6, 2011, **2:00 p.m.** (field review)/**3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, public hearing for Docket No. 421 (T-Mobile), in the Town Council Chambers, Trumbull Town Hall, 5866 Main Street, Trumbull, Connecticut.

- ♦ Thursday, December 8, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m., evidentiary public hearing** continuation for Docket No. 401 (T-Mobile), Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ♦ Tuesday, December 13, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, amended regulations public hearing, in Hearing Room One, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain
- ♦ Thursday, December 15, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ♦ Tuesday, December 20, 2011 “tentative”, beginning at **1:00 p.m., evidentiary public hearing** continuation for Docket No. 421 (T-Mobile/Trumbull), Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

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The Council reviewed and discussed the preliminary staff report. This item will be placed on a future agenda for decision. No action was taken.

*Chairman Stein provided the Council information in regards to the Two Storm Panel. A brief discussion occurred in regards to the information.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin Stein
Chairman**

RS/cm