

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 5, 2012

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 5, 2012, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robin Stein at 1:12 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Colin Tait
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Edward S. Wilensky
James J. Murphy, Jr

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Esty)
Barbara Currier Bell
Larry Levesque
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)
Philip T. Ashton

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 December 15, 2011.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2011, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy, Mr. Ashton, and Executive Director Linda Roberts joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 189A - Lake Road Generating Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for an electric generating facility located off of Lake Road in Killingly, Connecticut. Reopening of this docket pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b) to Modify the Decision and Order in Docket 189 to Allow Lake Road Generating Company to Suspend its Backup Fuel System Based on Changed Conditions. 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. Ashton, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Wilensky, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Tait, and Chairman Stein in favor of allowing Lake Road to suspend its backup fuel system based upon changed conditions, and Mr. Lynch 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 & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation. Development and Management Rock Blasting Plan for North Bloomfield Substation.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Blasting Plan for the North Bloomfield Substation, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 373A - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 224 Lovely Street, Avon, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revision.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the revised utility route to the compound, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 412 - SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 415 - 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 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition that evergreen trees be installed along the south side of the lease area, where appropriate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 422 – 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 at 655 Bassett Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Request for 30-day adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve a 30-day adjournment of the hearing, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1016 - UTC Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Customer-Side 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at St. Francis Hospital, 114 Woodland Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1017 - UTC Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Customer-Side 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at Mount Sinai Hospital, 500 Blue Hills Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1018 - United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the East Shore Substation located at 1 Waterfront Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that UI, in consultation with the City of New Haven, plant modest landscaping along the waterfront of the substation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1019 - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed antenna installation on an existing smokestack and associated ground equipment located at 1-3 Oakland Avenue, East Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1020 - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC 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 12 Burr Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Wilensky moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-008-111219MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 719 Amity Road, Bethany, Connecticut.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this request for tower sharing with the following conditions:

- The proposed modifications described in Appendix D of the the Structural Modification Report prepared by B&T Engineering, dated September 2, 2011 and stamped by Chad Tuttle, be implemented as recommended; 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 recommended bolt replacements have been completed and the tower and foundation will not exceed 100 percent of the post-construction structural rating.
- That MetroPCS install battery backup power capable of operating 4 to 8 hours.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-VER-014-111207 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 123 Pine Orchard Road, Branford, Connecticut.

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

TS-VER-034-111214 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

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

Administrative Matters.

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Other calendar dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 10, 2012, field review beginning at **12:30 p.m.** for those that want to hike to the site/**3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, field review and public hearing for Docket No. 423 (Cingular), at the Woodstock Town Hall, Room #1, Lower Level, 415 Route 169, Woodstock
- Tuesday, January 17, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** evidentiary hearing for Life-Cycle 2011, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Thursday, January 19, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

The Council engaged in a brief discussion in regards to the Two Storm Panel. Mr. Tait moved that the Council intervene in the FCC proceeding in regards to backup power, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Murphy moved for the Council to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Members, Executive Director Linda Roberts, Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman, Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi, and Assistant Attorney General Clare Kindall entered Executive Session pursuant to C.G. S. § 1-200(6)(B), to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation Jaeger v. CSC, at 2:45 p.m.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 3:35 p.m.

Chairman Stein noted for the record that no decisions or votes were made during the Executive Session.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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