

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of May 10, 2012

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 10, 2012, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chairman Colin Tait at 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

Robert Stein Chairman	Larry Levesque (designee for Chairman DelGobbo)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.	

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman Staff Attorney	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe Siting Analyst Supervisor	David Martin Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Siting Analyst Supervisor	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Linda Roberts
Executive Director

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of April 26, 2012.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2012, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 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 management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, 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 Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order..

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

Mr. Wilensky stated for the record that he read the transcripts of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chairman Tait conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wilensky in favor of issuing a certificate for a facility at a height of 110-feet off of Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut; Vice Chairman Tait and Dr. Bell in favor of a facility at a height of 110-feet designed as a monopine; and Mr. Ashton in favor a facility at a height of 150-feet and no monopine.

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

DOCKET NO. 425 - Message Center Management application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a replacement telecommunications facility located at 4 Dittmar Road, Redding, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chairman Tait conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Dr. Bell, Mr. Tait, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Murphy, and Vice Chairman Tait in favor of issuing a certificate for the proposed facility at a height of 120-feet at 4 Dittmar Road, Redding, Connecticut.

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

DOCKET NO. 426 –Third Taxing District Electric Department application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an electrical substation located at 6 Fitch Street, Norwalk. 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 Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Norwalk, and a public field review and hearing in Norwalk on June 14, 2012; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant party status to The Connecticut Light and Power Company, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 427 - 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 one of two sites: 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, or 82 Short Beach Road, East Haven, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy 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 Towns of Branford and East Haven, a public field review for both sites, and hearing in East Haven on July 10, 2012; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant intervenor status to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant intervenor status to Sarah Pierson, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1027 - 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 replacement of an existing tower located at 330 Porkony Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, with the condition that evergreen plantings be installed around the perimeter of the fence and subject to a Development and Management Plan submitted for Council review and approval prior to construction, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The Council members discussed travel arrangements for the Solar Site Visit.

- **Upcoming Calendar Events:**

- Thursday, May 24, 2012, Solar Site Visit at Berkshire School, Sheffield, Massachusetts at 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, June 4, 2012, beginning at **11 a.m.**, Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing at the Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, Room 3130000, 185 Main Street, New Britain
- Tuesday, June 5, 2012, beginning at **11 a.m.**, Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing at the Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, Room 3130000, 185 Main Street, New Britain
- Thursday, June 7, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Tuesday, June 12, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, Docket No. F-2012/2013 (Forecast) Hearing, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Thursday, June 14, 2012, beginning at **2:00 p.m.(field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, Docket No. 426 (Third Taxing District Electric Department) hearing in Norwalk City Hall Community Room, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851
- Thursday, June 21, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Tuesday, June 26, 2012, beginning at **11 a.m.**, Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing at the Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, Room 3130000, 185 Main Street, New Britain
- Thursday, June 28, 2012, beginning at **11 a.m.**, Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing at the Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, Room 3130000, 185 Main Street, New Britain

Adjournment.

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

Vice Chairman Tait adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Tait
Vice Chairman

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