

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 26, 2012

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 26, 2012, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Robert Stein at 1:10 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Vice Chairman
Colin Tait
Vice Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Barbara Currier Bell
Edward S. Wilensky
Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of June 21, 2012.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 43 – Tele-Media Company of Northeastern Connecticut Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the erection of Community Antenna Television Towers and Associated Equipment in the Towns of Ashford, Lebanon, Mansfield, Woodstock, and Canterbury, Connecticut. Request for Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate from Charter Communications to GHT, LLC with the condition that the new certificate holder comply with all the terms limitations and conditions contained in the Certificate issued on June 18, 1984, and that GHT, LLC comply

with timely payments of apportioned assessment charges for the facility under C.G.S. § 16-50v(b)(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 368 - 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 off Sterling Road (Route 14), Plainfield, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Request for Extension to complete this facility until August 17, 2013, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Plan Revisions.

Mr. Tait moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

DOCKET 370A-MR –The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Request for Partial Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Partial Transfer of the Certificate, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 391 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 232 Shore Drive, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Request for Extension of Time.

Mr. Tait moved to approve the Request for Extension to complete this facility until October 22, 2013, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 393 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 61-1 Buttonball Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Request for Extension of Time.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Request for Extension to complete this facility until October 22, 2013, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 412 - SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

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

DOCKET NO. 424 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation. Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Motion for Continuance.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant intervenor status to ISO-New England, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bell moved to deny Mr. Civie's Motion for Continuance, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

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, 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. Golembiewski, Mr. Levesque, and Mr. Ashton in favor of issuing a certificate for 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. 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. Request for CEPA Intervenor Status.

Mr. Tait moved to grant CEPA intervenor status under C.G. S. 22a-19 to Nikki Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 428 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) 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: Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut, or 126 Transylvania Road, Roxbury, 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 Towns of Roxbury, Woodbury, and Southbury, a public field review for both sites, and hearing in Roxbury on September 18, 2012; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant intervenor status to The Bronson Mountain Farm Homeowners Association, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 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. Approval of Environmental Inspector.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Environmental Inspector for the HDD portion of the project, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch 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. Revisions to Development & Management Plan.

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

PETITION NO. 1029 - 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 CL&P switching station located at 108 Carpenter Lane, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1031 – The 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 North Haven Substation located at 485 Washington Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-VER-034-111214 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless tower share at an existing telecommunications facility located 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Request to install temporary/portable fuel tank.

Mr. Tait moved to approve the use of a temporary 500-gallon propane tank with the condition that Verizon notify the Council when the temporary propane tank is removed and the natural gas-fired backup generator is installed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-ENERTRAC-061-120717 – Enertrac, Inc. request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 373 Chamberlain Hill Road, Higganum (Haddam), Connecticut. Decision.

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

Administrative Matters.

- **Telecommunication Facilities and Electric Generating Facilities Application Guide.** Revisions pursuant to legislation.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to the Telecommunication and Electric Generating Facilities Application Guides, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Regular Items**

> Upcoming Calendar Events:

- ❖ Tuesday, July 31, 2012, beginning at **11:00 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, August 2, 2012, beginning at **11:00 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, August 9, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Wednesday, August 15, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** Docket No. 427 (NAT/AT&T) continuation of evidentiary hearing, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

- ❖ Thursday, August 23, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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