

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of November 29, 2012

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 29, 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 11:10 a.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

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 November 15, 2012.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2012, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of November 19, 2012.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2012, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously among the members who attended the Special Meeting.

Minutes of November 28, 2012.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2012, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously among the members who attended the Special Meeting.

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. Draft Findings of Fact.

This item was temporarily passed.

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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

The Council reviewed the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order. The Council directed staff to make changes to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Council Member Caron arrived at 11:30 a.m.

DOCKET NO. 429 - 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: Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M23-P62 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, Connecticut; or Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M18-19 Old South Willington Road, Willington, Connecticut. Close of Evidentiary Record.

Mr. Tait moved to close the Evidentiary Record in this proceeding and begin the 30-day comment period, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 433 – The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8 kilovolt substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road, Shelton, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

This item remains on the table.

PETITION NO. 1027 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company 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. Development and Management Plan.

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

TS-METROPCS-145-121025MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Bald Hill Road, Union, Connecticut.

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

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

Administrative Matters.

- ***Regular Items***

- > Upcoming Calendar Events:

- ❖ Tuesday, December 4, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.**, Docket No. 432 (Feasibility Study-Back-up Power) Public Hearing in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, December 6, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.**, Docket No. 428 (AT&T-Roxbury) Evidentiary Hearing in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Tuesday, December 11, 2012, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, Docket No. 431 (SNEW-Norwalk) Field Review and Public Hearing in Norwalk.
- ❖ Thursday, December 13, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, December 20, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Docket No. 265A (Dominion-Waterford) Field Review and Public Hearing in Waterford.
- ❖ Thursday, December 27, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

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The Council reviewed the Draft Findings of Fact.

Council Member Murphy arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Ashton moved to recess for lunch, seconded by Dr. Bell. Chairman Stein recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 1:14 p.m. Council Member Mr. Wilensky was present upon resumption of the meeting.

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. Caron, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of issuing a certificate for the proposed project.

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. Caron, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein opposed to the Mansfield Underground Variation; the Mount Hope Underground Variation; the Brooklyn Overhead Variation; the Brooklyn Underground Variation; the Willimantic South Overhead Variation; and the Willimantic South Underground Variation.

Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Ashton, and Mr. Caron in favor of the 11-acre Right Of Way Expansion; and Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Golembiewski, and Chairman Stein in favor of approving the route through Mansfield Hollow and leave the configuration to the Development and Management Plan. Mr. Wilensky was undecided.

Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Caron, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of utilizing H-frames in Focus Area A. Mr. Wilensky and Mr. Tait were undecided.

Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Caron, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of leaving the Focus Area C (Hawthorne Lane Alternative) until the Development and Management Plan. Mr. Wilensky was undecided.

Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Caron, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of utilizing H-frames in Focus Area D. Mr. Wilensky was undecided.

Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Caron, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of utilizing H-frames in Focus Area E. Mr. Wilensky was undecided.

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

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

RS/cm