

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of June 13, 2013

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 13, 2013, 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 1:03 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman

James J. Murphy
Vice Chairman

Barbara Currier Bell
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Esty)
Edward S. Wilensky
Philip T. Ashton

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst Supervisor
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent

David Martin
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of May 30, 2013.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of May 30, 2013, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 420 - SBA Towers III Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 350B Cossaduck Hill Road, North Stonington, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve an extension of time to complete construction until December 31, 2013, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 426 – Third Taxing District Electric Department Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an electric substation located at 6 Fitch Street, Norwalk, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

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

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Development & Management Plan with the condition that the Third Taxing District submit a final rain garden and landscaping plan to the Council for review and approval, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 434 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a relocated telecommunications facility at 139 North Main Street, West Hartford, 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. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein unanimously in favor of issuing a Certificate for the proposed telecommunication facility.

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

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

Mr. Caron arrived at 1:30 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 437 – 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 111 Second Hill Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order consistent with the Conclusions of Law adopted in Docket No. 366 – Danbury, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1058 - 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 1990 line structure replacement project consisting of modifications of two sections of an existing 115-kV transmission line from Stevenson Substation to Frost Bridge Substation and from Baldwin Junction to Baldwin Substation traversing the municipalities of Monroe, Oxford, Middlebury, Waterbury and Watertown, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that CL&P submit a Development and Management Plan including:

- A revised design plan that would remove Structure #393 (in Waterbury, west of the Naugatuck River) in its entirety and replace it with a monopole, and reduce the clutter of the distribution lines at that river crossing; and
- A landscaping at Shaw's Hill Substation to screen the substation from the view of the nearby residential development.

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

PETITION NO. 1064 - 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 CL&P's Falls Village Substation located at Route 126, Canaan, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that the modifications be built 4-feet over the 100 year floodplain or 1-foot over the 500 year floodplain, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- Tuesday, June 18, 2013, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** Public Hearing for Docket No. F-2012/2013, Hearing Room 1, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 20, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Public Hearing for Docket No. 435 (CL&P-Stamford), Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

- Tuesday, June 25, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Field Review and Public Hearing for Docket No. 437 (AT&T) at the Burnham School, 80 Main Street South, Bridgewater, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 27, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, July 9, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Field Review and Public Hearing for Docket No. 438, Voluntown Town Hall, 115 Main Street, Voluntown, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, July 16, 2013, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** Continuation of evidentiary hearing for Docket 190B (Meriden Gas Turbines) in Hearing Room One, New Britain, Connecticut. (**Special note to the change in start time for this hearing**)

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

RS/cm