

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of May 15, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 15, 2014, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein Chairman	Philip T. Ashton
James J. Murphy Vice Chairman	Barbara C. Bell
Larry Levesque (designee for Chairman House)	Eileen M. Daily
	Daniel P. Lynch

Council Members Absent:

Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Klee)	Michael W. Klemens
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Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe Supervising Siting Analyst	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Supervising Siting Analyst	David Martin Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of May 1, 2014.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2014; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. F-2014/2015 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources (2014-2023). Schedule.

Mr. Ashton moved to 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 Council's office in New Britain, and a public comment hearing in New Britain on Tuesday, June 24, 2014; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 442 – 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 284 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

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

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Daily, Mr. Levesque, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed facility with a diameter that accommodates Cellco's needs, and with Mr. Ashton opposed.

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

DOCKET NO. 444 – 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 the FirstLight Hydro Generating Company property, New Milford Tax Assessor Map 83, Lot 4, Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Daily, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed facility and with Mr. Levesque not participating in the poll.

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

PETITION NO. 1042 - Somers Solar Center, LLC Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Project located at 458 & 488 South Road, Somers, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Change.

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

Mr. Murphy moved to deny the changes to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

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. Blasting Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Blasting Plan, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1097 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that an amended Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is not required to co-locate on and extend an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 174 South Grand Street, Suffield, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1098 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed upgrades to the Sackett Substation located at 453 State Street, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that the petitioner file a Development and Management Plan that depicts site fencing and landscape improvements for Council review and approval, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1099 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace an existing silo with a telecommunications facility designed as a silo located at 743 Murdock Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to set September 29, 2014, as the date by which the Council shall make its decision, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton recusing from this matter.

TS-VER-103-140416 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 6 Shirley Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

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

- Perform the reinforcements prior to antenna installation in accordance with the structural analysis report prepared by URS Corporation dated April 9, 2014, and stamped by Richard Sambor; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, Cellco shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the requirements of the structural analysis.

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

TS-AT&T-004-131223 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 376 Deercliff Road, Avon, Connecticut. Request to Revise.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this request to revise a previously approved tower sharing application, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-AT&T-059T-13115 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve the shared used of an existing telecommunications facility located at 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North, Groton, Connecticut. Request to Revise.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this request to revise a previously approved tower sharing application with the following conditions:

- The proposed coax and the accessory equipment shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations made in the Structural Analysis Report prepared by FDH Engineering dated April 8, 2014 and stamped by Bradley Newman; and
- Not more than 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certifying that its installation complied with the engineer's recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-AT&T-164-131114 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve the shared used of an existing telecommunications facility located at 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Request to Revise.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this request to revise a previously approved tower sharing application, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-AT&T-130-131213 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 111 Upper Fish Rock Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Request to Revise.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this request to revise a previously approved tower sharing application, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-CING-043-140417 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 148 Roberts Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

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

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, May 29, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 3, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** evidentiary hearing continued for Docket No. 445 (Homeland Towers & New Cingular Wireless) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 12, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 17, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** evidentiary hearing continued for Docket No. 445 (Homeland Towers & New Cingular Wireless) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 26, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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