

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 4, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 4, 2014, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Philip T. Ashton
Michael W. Klemens
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Barbara Currier Bell

Council Members Absent:

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)

Eileen M. Daily

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of August 21, 2014.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 21, 2014, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Dr. Bell and Mr. Murphy abstaining.

The following item was taken out of order.

PETITION NO. 1112 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located off of St. Andrews Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- No construction is to be done between March 1st and May 15th; and

- The petitioner shall submit a Development & Management Plan, which includes a consultation with the Natural Diversity Database, for Council review and approval.

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

DOCKET NO. 423 – North Atlantic Towers, LLC, and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the request for a six-month extension until June 21, 2015 for the site to become operational, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 445 - Homeland 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 Ridgefield Town Assessor Map Parcel #D08-124, southwest of the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision & Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch left at 1:30 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 451 – Homeland 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 the Cheshire Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cheshire Tax Assessor Map 38, Lot 180, 1325 Cheshire Street, Cheshire, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.

Mr. Murphy moved to deem 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 Town of Cheshire, a public field review and a public hearing in the Town of Cheshire on Thursday, October 9, 2014, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to the Town of Cheshire, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1113 - The United Illuminated Company (UI) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a 2.8 MW AC fuel cell facility to be located at an approximately .25 acre UI Tax Parcel (Map 67, Block 951, Lot 13) adjacent to Connecticut Avenue, Interstate 95 and Alabama Street in New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-METROPCS-159-140821 – MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 250 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

PETITION NO. 1104 – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.2 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility and a 2.8 MW AC Fuel Cell facility on approximately 22 acres of the former Seaside Landfill located at 350 Waldemere Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Request for Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant intervenor status to Enrique Torres and to deny the petitioner's objection, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

EM-VER-067-140902 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to install a temporary cell repeater on wheels at the Hebron Fairgrounds, 347 Gilead Street, Hebron, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this exempt modification, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1012 – MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modification of an existing telecommunications facility located at 75 Wells Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut. Request for Amendment.

Mr. Murphy moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, September 9, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 449 (AT&T) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 11, 2014, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Petition No. 1104 (United Illuminating) at the Bridgeport City Hall, Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, September 16, 2014, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 448 (Cellco) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 18, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 2, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 16, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 30, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm