

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of October 2, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 2, 2014, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chairman Murphy at 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

Council Members Absent

Robert Stein
Chairman

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 September 18, 2014.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2014, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 338 – TowerCo, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Compliance with Certificate Conditions.

And

EM-T-MOBILE-033-140807 – T-Mobile Northeast LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved that SBA investigate and determine the feasibility of the use of longer branches to be installed on the upper portions of the tower to conceal the existing antennas and

crossbars and/or the use of antenna panel covers that appear as branch needles to attach to the antenna mounts and antennas to camouflage each installation on the tower and report to the Council on the suggested solution. If SBA does not comply, the Council will submit the matter to the Attorney General's Office, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50u, for enforcement action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1101 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to install a stealth rooftop telecommunications tower on the roof of the existing building located at 79 Park Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

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

PETITION NO. 1114 - 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 extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 201 Granite Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1115 – Bloom Energy Corporation, as agent for International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 1-megawatt Fuel Cell to be located at the IBM facility, 150 Kettletown Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-VER-128-140819 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 344 Firetown Road, Simsbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- Cellco shall plant native northern white cedar trees in lieu of eastern white pine trees for compound screening;
- Cellco's erosion and sedimentation controls shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines on Soil and Erosion Control*; and

- Cellco shall implement the Wetland Protection Program.

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

TS-AT&T-128-140506 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 345 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower share revision with the stipulation that the following conditions of the original approval still apply:

- Prior to antenna installation, the reinforcements detailed in Section 4 of the “Structural Analysis and Reinforcement Design Report” prepared by Centek Engineering dated April 10, 2014, and stamped by Carlo Centore shall be implemented; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, AT&T 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. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-VER-077-140911 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 239 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- Install the antennas, remote radio heads, and junction boxes as recommended in the structural analysis report prepared by Hudson Design Group LLC dated May 2, 2014 and stamped by Gi Kai Wang; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, Cellco shall provide documentation that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis Report.

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

Administrative Matters.

PETITION NO. 1108 – American Tower Corporation and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the expansion of an existing telecommunications facility located at 668 Jones Hill Road, West Haven, Connecticut. Request for Modification.

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the modification to this petition to install a shared generator, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Request for party/intervenor status.

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

Mr. Ashton moved to grant intervenor status to Jennifer Arcesi and Gary Wassmer, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, October 9, 2014, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 451 at the Cheshire Town Hall, Council Chambers, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, 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 23, 2014, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 448 (Cellco-Orange) in Hearing Room One, 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.
- Thursday, November 13, 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.

Vice Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman

JJM/cm