

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of October 13, 2016**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 13, 2016, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:04 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)  
Michael W. Klemens

James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Vice Chairman  
Philip T. Ashton  
Michael Harder  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**Council Members Absent**

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman House)

**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  
Lisa Fontaine  
Fiscal Administrative Officer

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of September 29, 2016.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of September 29, 2016, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 445 - Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located southwest of the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 467 - Homeland Towers, LLC and 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 telecommunications facility located at Brookfield Tax Assessor Map E10, Lot 014, 100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.**

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

**DOCKET NO. 470 - NTE Connecticut, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Applicant's Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Council's Interrogatory No. 68; NAPP Motion to Extend Pre-File Deadline.**

The Applicant's Request for an Extension of Time to Respond to Council's Interrogatory No. 68 is moot as NTE submitted its response to interrogatory No. 68 on October 13, 2016.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant Not Another Power Plant's Motion to Extend the Pre-Filed Testimony deadline for its energy needs expert with the understanding that the electronic and hard copies of the pre-filed testimony be filed with the Council's office no later than the Council's close of business on November 8, 2016, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Annual Review.**

Staff recommended that no revisions be made to the Council's current EMF-BMP's at this time. No action was taken on this item.

**PETITION NO. 1217 – Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed separation of the existing 1779/1777 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines for 1.6 miles within existing right of way from Bloomfield Substation to Bloomfield Junction; proposed separation of the existing 1751/1777 115kV electric transmission lines for 5.3 miles within existing right of way from Bloomfield Junction to North Bloomfield Substation; modifications to the existing overhead 1779 115 kV electric transmission line to loop into the Rood Avenue Substation via underground cables; including related transmission line structure improvements; and modifications to the Bloomfield Substation, 40 Crestview Drive and North Bloomfield Substation, 2 Hoskins Road both in Bloomfield, Connecticut and modifications to the Rood Avenue Substation located at 275 Rood Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan – Transmission.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development and Management Plan for the transmission right-of-way portion of the project with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1250 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of existing fence sections and the installation of grounding conductor within and outside the fence line at its existing New Congress Substation located at 55 Congress Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the condition that the petitioner take appropriate measures to protect disturbed soils at the site in case of a flood during active construction, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1251 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately 3.8 miles of its existing No. 900 69-kV transmission line within existing right of way between Skungamaug Substation and Mansfield Junction in Coventry, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

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

**PETITION NO. 1252 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of an existing 70-foot tall telecommunications facility with a new 120-foot tall telecommunications facility at property owned by Eversource Energy used as a service center and maintenance yard located at 22 East High Street, East Hampton, Connecticut. Request for Party Status.**

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to Carol Karney, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan. Annual Review.**

Staff recommended that no revisions be made to the Council's Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan at this time. No action was taken on this item.

#### **Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 Biennium Budget.**

Mr. Ashton moved to present the budget to the energy and telecommunications industry for comment, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- Thursday, October 20, 2016, **public hearing** beginning with a **3:30 p.m. public field review, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 470 at the Killingly High School, Auditorium, 226 Putnam Pike, Killingly, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 27, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 463 at the East Lyme Town Hall, Upper Meeting Room, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut.
- Thursday, November 3, 2016, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 470 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, November 10, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, November 15, 2016, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 470 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

**Adjournment.**

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm