

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of April 14, 2011**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robert Stein at 2:11 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
Larry Levesque  
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)  
Edward S. Wilensky  
Philip T. Ashton

Colin C. Tait  
Vice Chairman  
Brian Golembiewski  
(designee for Commissioner Esty)  
Barbara Currier Bell  
James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**Staff Members Present:**

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director  
Melanie Bachman  
Staff Attorney  
Christina Walsh  
Siting Analyst Supervisor

David Martin  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Staff Members Absent**

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of March 31, 2011.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Minutes of March 31, 2011, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Murphy abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. F-2010 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Schedule.**

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the schedule for processing the docket per staff recommendations; the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket; and hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2011; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 316A - Optasite, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 50 Fairchild Road in Middletown, Connecticut. Schedule.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the schedule for processing this reopening with a public hearing on Tuesday, June 21, 2011; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve intervenor status to AT&T and combining them with SBA for the purposes of this proceeding, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 392 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located 387 Shore Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 393 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located 61-1 Buttonball Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the recommendation that landscaping be planted on the south and east sides, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 410 - 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 234 Melba Street, Milford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Levesque and Chairman Stein abstaining; Dr. Bell recusing; and Mr. Murphy voting against the facility.

Chairman Stein requested a written vote on the record with Mr. Lynch, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Tait, Mr. Wilensky, and Mr. Golembiewski, in favor of granting of Certificate for the proposed telecommunications facility with the condition that the compound be rotated about the flagpole to minimize tree clearing and the flag be removed from the existing T-Mobile flagpole; Mr. Levesque and Chairman Stein abstaining; Dr. Bell recusing; and Mr. Murphy voting against the proposed facility.

**DOCKET NO. 411 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 1363 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 413 - 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 723 Leetes Island Road, Branford, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve intervenor status to the Town of Branford, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 377A - Bridgeport Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the approval modification in Petition No. 377 for the existing Bridgeport Harbor Station 520 MW combined cycle gas turbine generating facility, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 959 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing CL&P substation in the Forestville section located at 158 Cronin Street, Bristol, Connecticut. Landscaping Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revised landscaping plan, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 972 - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the expansion of a unipole structure located at the Goshen Fire Department, 1 Palmer Road, Waterford, Connecticut. Amended Decision.**

Mr. Tait moved to approve the Amended Decision, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 973 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace and expand an existing structure located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding poll of the Council members with Mr. Lynch, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Tait, and Mr. Wilensky in favor of the proposed facility, and Chairman Stein and Mr. Levesque abstaining.

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

**PETITION NO. 987 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for a ten foot (10') extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 6 Mountain Road, Washington, Connecticut. Date for Decision.**

Mr. Tait moved that the Council set July 1, 2011, as the date by which it shall render a decision, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 377A - Bridgeport Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the approval modification in Petition No. 377 for the existing Bridgeport Harbor Station 520 MW combined cycle gas turbine generating facility, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Murphy moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding poll of the Council members with Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Tait, and Mr. Wilensky in favor of the modifications to the facility; with Chairman Stein abstaining and Mr. Lynch voting no.

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

**DOCKET NO. 411 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 1363 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding poll of the Council members with Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Tait, and Mr. Wilensky in favor of the proposed telecommunications facility; and Chairman Stein and Mr. Levesque abstaining.

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

**Administrative Matters.**

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011. Other calendar dates are as follows:

Monday, April 18, 2011, E/T Meeting re PE 980 only  
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, Hearing Room 1

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 (Verizon/Branford)  
2 p.m. field review/3:00/7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 21, 2011 beginning at 11 AM (Petition 983)  
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, Hearing Room 1

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 beginning at 11 AM (Petition 983  
and Petition 984)  
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, Hearing Room 1

Thursday, April 28, 2011 beginning at 11 AM (Petition 984)  
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, Hearing Room 1

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m.; seconded by Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein  
Chairman**

RS/cm