

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of February 16, 2012**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 16, 2012, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robin Stein at 1:13 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein Chairman	Brian Golembiewski (designee for Commissioner Esty)
Colin Tait Vice Chairman	Barbara Currier Bell Larry Levesque
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. Edward S. Wilensky	(designee for Chairman DelGobbo) James J. Murphy, Jr.

**Council Members Absent**

Philip T. Ashton

**Staff Members Present:**

Linda Roberts Executive Director	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Melanie Bachman Staff Attorney	David Martin Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Siting Analyst Supervisor	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of February 2, 2012.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2012, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 370 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation. Revisions to the Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Tait moved to table this item, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 424 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Motion for Protective Order.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Towns of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham; public field review and public hearings in Lebanon on April 18<sup>th</sup>, Brooklyn on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and Mansfield on April 24<sup>th</sup>; and evidentiary hearings beginning in May. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tait moved to grant NRG party status, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant Victor Civie party status, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant the Applicant's Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to C.G.S. § 1-210, as it pertains to Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1010 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of an concealed tower on a water tank and associated equipment at a water treatment plant located at 455 Valley Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. Motion for Continuance and Order.**

Dr. Bell moved to deny the intervenor's Motion for Continuance and Order, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1021 – American Tower Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace and expand an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Tanner Marsh Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- The coax lines shall be configured per the structural analysis report dated December 21, 2011, and sealed by Jaime Reyes, P.E.;
- The Council shall be notified in writing that the coax was installed as specified;
- Unless otherwise approved by the Council, the existing monopole shall be removed within 180 days of the installation of the new lattice tower; and
- The Council shall be notified in writing when the existing monopole is removed and the new tower is operational.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, and Mr. Tait voting no.

**PETITION NO. 1023 - UTC Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Customer-Side 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at CT Transit Bus Maintenance Facility, 100 Leibert Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**EM-VER-092-120112 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at the Harvest Baptist Church, 1440 Litchfield Turnpike, New Hartford, Connecticut.**

Mr. Tait moved to acknowledge this regulatory exemption, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-METROPCS-043-120126MA – MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 287 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.**

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

- The roof trusses be reinforced in accordance with the Structural Evaluation Report prepared by Chappell Engineering Associates dated January 12, 2012 and stamped by Clement Salek; and
- Prior to antenna installation, a signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the recommended modifications have been completed and the structure has adequate capacity to accommodate the installation as proposed.

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

**Administrative Matters.**

- Adoption of Proposed Wind Regulations

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

- Upcoming Calendar Events:
  - Wednesday, February 22, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, Petition No. 1010 (Cingular/Greenwich) evidentiary hearing in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
  - Thursday, March 1, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
  - Tuesday, March 6, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, Docket No. 422 (North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS/Watertown) evidentiary hearing, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
  - Thursday, March 8, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, Docket No. 423 (North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS/Woodstock) evidentiary hearing, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
  - Thursday, March 15, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
  - Tuesday, March 27, 2012, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, Docket No. 425 field review and public hearing in Redding.
  - Thursday, March 29, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

**Adjournment.**

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robin Stein**

**Chairman**

RS/cm