

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 26, 2012

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 26, 2012, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robin Stein at 1:08 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of April 12, 2012.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2012, as amended, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 420 - SBA Towers III Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 350B Cossaduck Hill Road, North Stonington, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Tait moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition that SBA Towers III submits the drainage calculations for staff approval, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton joined the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 421 - 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 at 158 Edison Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

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

DOCKET NO. 422 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and 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 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Lynch stated for the record that he read the transcripts of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Golembiewski, Dr. Bell, Mr. Tait, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wilensky in favor of issuing a certificate for a facility at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut, and Chairman Stein abstaining.

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

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. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Tait moved to grant party status to the Office of Consumer Counsel, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant party status to Richard Cheney and the Highland Ridge Golf Range, LLC, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

PETITION NO. 984 - BNE Energy, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Winsted-Norfolk Road (Route 44), Colebrook, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Dr. Bell moved to grant a 30-day extension for BNE to submit the conservation easement, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Tait and Mr. Lynch abstaining, and Mr. Ashton voting no.

Administrative Matters.

- **Two Storm Panel Subcommittee**

Mr. Tait moved to submit the draft comments to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Docket No. 11-09-09, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Upcoming Calendar Events:**

- Thursday, May 10, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Thursday, May 24, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin Stein
Chairman**

RS/cm