

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of June 21, 2012**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 21, 2012, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Robert Stein at 1:08 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Vice Chairman  
Edward S. Wilensky  
Philip T. Ashton  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski  
(designee for Commissioner Esty)  
James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Barbara Currier Bell

**Council Members Absent:**

Colin Tait  
Vice Chairman

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman House)

**Staff Members Present:**

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

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst  
David Martin  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of May 10, 2012.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2012, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Chairman Stein and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**WIND REGULATIONS - Connecticut Siting Council adoption of regulations for the siting of wind projects pursuant to Public Act 11-245. Public Hearing Date.**

Mr. Murphy moved to schedule the Wind Regulation Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 3:00-5:00 p.m., and continuing at 6:30 p.m., 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously

**DOCKET NO. 370 - The Connecticut Light and 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, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan Revisions. Vegetation Clearing.**

Mr. Ashton moved to order CL&P to allow the area which was cleared beyond the limits on the approved D&M Plan to naturally re-vegetate, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the revisions to the D&M Plan, as amended, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 399 - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located 166 Pawcatuck Avenue, Stonington, Connecticut. Request for Extension.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant a six-month extension of time to complete construction of the facility until March 1, 2013, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 403 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 174 South Grand Street, Suffield, Connecticut. Request for Extension.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant an eighteen month extension of time to complete construction of the facility until December 11, 2013, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 405 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 422 Rockville Road, Voluntown, Connecticut. Request for Extension.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant an eighteen month extension of time to complete construction of the facility until January 14, 2014, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 415 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. Revised Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to the D&M Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 423 – 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 operation of a telecommunications facility located off Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

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

**DOCKET NO. 425 - Message Center Management application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a replacement telecommunications facility located at 4 Dittmar Road, Redding, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Ashton moved to delete the references to a yield point, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Bell and Mr. Golembiewski voting no.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Bell voting no.

**DOCKET NO. 427 – 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 operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, or 82 Short Beach Road, East Haven, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant Party status and CEPA intervention status to the Town of Branford, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**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. Request for Extension.**

Mr. Ashton moved to a six month extension of time to complete construction of the facility until May 4, 2013, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1028 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing CL&P Substation located at 81 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**TS-VER-071-120522 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Request for an Order to Approve the Shared Use of an Existing Tower at 236 Gates Road, Lebanon, Connecticut.**

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

- The tower reinforcements outlined in Section 4.0 be completed in accordance with the recommendations made in the Structural Analysis Report and Reinforcement Design prepared by Centek Engineering dated May 16, 2012, and stamped by Carlo Centore; 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 tower and foundation will not exceed 100 percent of the post-construction structural rating.

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

**METRO PCS – Request for Extension of Time to construct Exempt Modifications in Lisbon, Griswold, Plainfield, Killingly, Putnam, and Thompson, Connecticut.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant a one-year extension to complete the installation of equipment at sites acknowledged by the council located in Lisbon, Griswold, Plainfield, Killingly, Putnam, and Thompson, Connecticut, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**EM-VER-162-120531- Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 32 Norfolk Road, Winchester, Connecticut. Administrative Matters.**

Mr. Ashton moved to acknowledge this regulatory exemption, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**Administrative Matters.**

**Upcoming Calendar Events:**

- > Tuesday, June 26, 2012, beginning at **11 a.m.**, Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing at the Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, Room 3130000, 185 Main Street, New Britain
- > Thursday, June 28, 2012, beginning at **11 a.m.**, Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing at the Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, Room 3130000, 185 Main Street, New Britain
- > Tuesday, July 10, 2012, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, Docket No. 427 (N.A.T. & AT&T) hearing in East Haven Senior Center, Main Room, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven
- > Thursday, July 26, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

**Adjournment.**

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm