

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 9, 2012

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 9, 2012, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Robert Stein at 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)
Barbara Currier Bell
Edward S. Wilensky
Philip T. Ashton

Council Members Absent:

Colin Tait
Vice Chairman

James J. Murphy

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 July 26, 2012.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2012, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 412 - SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

This item remains on the table.

DOCKET NO. 426 – Third Taxing District Electric Department application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an electrical substation located at 6 Fitch Street, Norwalk, 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, as amended, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Objection to Reordering of Proceeding.

Mr. Ashton moved to deny the Town of Branford's objection to the reordering of the proceeding, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilensky moved to grant intervenor status to Bruce Williams, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant intervenor status to Daniel Criscuolo and Pam Maki, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bell moved to grant intervenor status to James Berardi, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve Niki Whitehead's request for a pre-filed deadline extension until August 20, 2012, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 428 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) 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: Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut, or 126 Transylvania Road, Roxbury, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant party status to the Town of Roxbury, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 429 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) 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: Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M23-P62 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, Connecticut; or Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M18-19 Old South Willington Road, Willington, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Willington, a public field review for both sites, and hearing in Willington on October 11, 2012; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 784 – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut. Addendum to the Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the addendum to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1029 - 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 an existing CL&P switching station located at 108 Carpenter Lane, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- CL&P shall screen the expanded fenced area with landscaping that is consistent with the existing landscaping; and
- CL&P shall avoid the use of High Hill Road during construction, to the extent practical.

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

PETITION NO. 1030 – UTC Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at Western Connecticut State University, 181 White Street, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1032 - 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 CL&P's existing Norwalk Substation located at 50 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-ENERTRAC-049-120730 - Enertrac, Inc. request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located Town Farm Road, Enfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

- ***Regular Items***

- > Upcoming Calendar Events:

- ❖ Wednesday, August 15, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** Docket No. 427 (NAT/AT&T) continuation of evidentiary hearing, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, August 23, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Tuesday, August 28, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, August 30, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** Docket No. 424 (NU/Interstate Reliability Project) evidentiary hearing, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, September 6, 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 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm