

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of November 15, 2012

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 15, 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 1:03 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Colin Tait
Vice Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Barbara Currier Bell
James J. Murphy
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Edward S. Wilensky
Philip T. Ashton

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 October 18, 2012.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2012, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining.

LIFE-CYCLE 2011 – Connecticut Siting Council Investigation into the Electric Transmission Line Life-Cycle Costs. Final Report.

Mr. Tait moved to approve the LIFE-CYCLE 2011 report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 265A – Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. Application to Amend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the existing independent spent fuel storage installation at Millstone Power Station, Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the schedule of the amendment proceeding as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the amendment proceeding, the deposition of the transcript in the Towns of Waterford and East Lyme, a public field review and hearing in Waterford on December 20, 2012; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Draft Findings of Fact.

This item was temporarily passed.

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. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of issuing a certificate for the proposed facility located in Branford. Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, and Mr. Caron in favor of issuing a certificate for the proposed facility located in East Haven.

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

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 Administrative Notice. Request to File Additional Exhibit. Motion for Protective Orders.

Mr. Tait moved to approve Bronson Mountain Homeowners' Association's request for administrative notice, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tait moved to approve Bronson Mountain Homeowners' Association's request for additional exhibits, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant the applicant's request for a protective order, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 432 – Feasibility study of back-up power requirements for telecommunications towers and antennas pursuant to Public Act 12-148. Motion to Postpone. Objections to Interrogatories. Requests for Participant Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the rescheduled hearing date, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant participant status to CTIA, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tait moved to grant participant status to the Office of Consumer Counsel and to overrule AT&T, Sprint Nextel, and T-Mobile's objection, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to overrule T-Mobile and Sprint Nextel's general and specific objections to Council Interrogatories, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 433 – The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8 kilovolt substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road, Shelton, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

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

PETITION NO. 1038 - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed antenna installation on an existing lattice tower located at 22 Wintonbury Road (a/k/a 91 Mountain Road), Simsbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Wilensky moved to set March 25, 2013, as the date by which the Council will make a decision on this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1039 - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed antenna installation and 10-foot increase in height on an existing roof guy tower located at 14-20 Isham Road, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1040 - 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 South Meadow Substation located at Reserve Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-CING-143-121022 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Request for an Order to Approve the Shared Use of an Existing Telecommunications Facility located at 855 University Drive, Torrington, Connecticut.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to deny this Tower Share Request and have the applicant resubmit their proposal as a petition for declaratory ruling, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-CL&P-154-121022 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company Request for an Order to Approve the Shared Use of an Existing Telecommunications Facility located at 315 Spencer Plains Road, Westbrook, Connecticut.

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

TS-METROPCS-145-121025MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Bald Hill Road, Union, Connecticut.

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

Connecticut Siting Council Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budgets.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the CSC Budget for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

- ***Regular Items***

- > Upcoming Calendar Events:

- ❖ Thursday, November 29, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, December 6, 2012, beginning at **11:00 a.m.**, Docket No. 428 (AT&T-Roxbury), and beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Docket No. 429 (AT&T-Willington) Evidentiary Hearings in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

- ❖ Tuesday, December 11, 2012, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, Docket No. 431 (SNEW-Norwalk) Field Review and Public Hearing in Norwalk.
- ❖ Thursday, December 13, 2012, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

The Council took a break at 1:55 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

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The Council reviewed the Draft Findings of Fact.

Chairman Stein announced that there will be a Special Meeting of the Council to review the Draft Findings of Fact on Monday, November 19, 2012, and Tuesday, November 20, 2012, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin Stein
Chairman**

RS/cm