# **Meeting Minutes**

## Meeting of March 6, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 6, 2014, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:04 p.m.

# **Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein Chairman James J. Murphy Vice Chairman Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Klee)

### **Council Members Absent:**

Eileen M. Daily

Daniel P. Lynch Michael W. Klemens Barbara C. Bell Philip T. Ashton

Michael Caron (designee for Chairman House)

## **Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney Fred Cunliffe Siting Analyst Supervisor Christina Walsh Siting Analyst Supervisor

**Recording Secretary:** 

Carriann Mulcahy

# Minutes of February 20, 2014.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Ashton abstaining.

# DOCKET NO. F-2014/2015 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. UI Request for Extension to File Report Pursuant to C.G.S. 16-50r.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant an extension of time until March 31, 2014, for UI to file their annual forecast report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

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DOCKET NO. 134B - Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. Amended Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for an interstate natural gas transmission pipeline from Sherman to Milford and Long Island Sound. Request to Revise Frequency of Annual Ground Inspection.

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the request to revise, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Ashton withdrew his motion to allow time to obtain more information, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Ashton moved to table this item, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 439 - Message Center Management, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Bates Woods Park, New London, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the development and management plan, seconded by Mr.

Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 441 - Homeland 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 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Murphy, Dr. Klemens and Chairman Stein stated for the record that they had reviewed the tapes/transcripts of the hearings.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the findings of fact, opinion, and decision and order, as

amended, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1056 - GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 5.0 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating Project located on Grassy Hill Road and Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revisions.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the revisions to the development and management plan, seconded by Mr. Lynch. Dr. Bell withdrew the motion, seconded by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Ashton moved to Energy/Telecommunications Minutes of March 6, 2014 Page 3

table this item to obtain more information, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1088 - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 250 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Wal-Mart store, 161 Berlin Road, Cromwell, Connecticut. Request for Revision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the request for revision, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1092 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 134R Creamery Road, Durham, Connecticut. Decision.

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

# TS-VER-097-140218 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 20 Barnabas Road, Newtown, Connecticut.

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

- Prior to antenna installation, the reinforcements outlined in Section 4 of the report prepared by Centek Engineering dated November 13, 2013, and stamped by Carlo Centore, shall be implemented; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, Cellco shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the requirements of the structural analysis.

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

# TS-CING-034-140220 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

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

• The coax lines and accessory equipment shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations made in the Structural Analysis Report prepared by FDH Engineering dated February 11, 2014 and stamped by Bradley Newman; and

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• Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.

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

## Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- > Thursday, March 20, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- > Tuesday, April 1, 2014, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing for Docket No. 444 (New Cingular Wireless) at the Roger Sherman Town Hall, E. Paul Martin Room, 10 Main Street, New Milford, Connecticut.
- > Thursday, April 3, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- > Thursday, April 17, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Dr. Bell initiated a discussion regarding radio frequency power density calculations and measurements, consistent with the Federal Communications Commission Office of Engineering and Technology OET Bulletin 65.

### Adjournment.

Dr. Klemens moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

### Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein Chairman

RS/cm