# **Meeting Minutes**

## Meeting of October 16, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein Michael Caron

Chairman (designee for Chairman House)

James J. Murphy, Jr. Robert Hannon

Vice Chairman (designee for Commissioner Klee)

Barbara Currier Bell Philip T. Ashton Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. Eileen M. Daily

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Michael W. Klemens

#### **Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
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#### **Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

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Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2014, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ms. Daily arrived at 1:05 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 449 – Message Center Management 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 Redding Tax Assessor Map 23, Lot 72, Redding Ridge Fire Department, 186 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll with Mr. Murphy, Ms. Daily, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Caron, and Mr. Ashton in favor of the proposed

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facility at a height of 150-feet, and Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed facility with a height of 140-feet.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the proposed facility at a height of 150-feet to be reviewed at the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 1083 – Bloom Energy Corporation Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 200 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Home Depot store, 136 Elm Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Request to Revise.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the relocation of the facility, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1106 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to install a rooftop telecommunications tower on an existing commercial building located at 168 Center Street, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1117 – 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 proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the approximately 30 acre Durham Fairgrounds parcel located at 24 Townhouse Road, Durham, Connecticut. Decision.

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

- A set of final structural design drawings of the tower and foundation stamped by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut be submitted to the Council prior to construction; and
- Cellco shall consult with the Durham Fairgrounds and, if mutually agreeable, use weathering steel (such as Corten steel) for the pole rather than standard gray galvanized steel (as proposed).

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

TS-CL&P-158-140616 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 180A Bayberry Lane, Westport, Connecticut. Decision.

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Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- Install the coax as recommended in the structural analysis report prepared by American Tower Corporation dated August 13, 2014 and stamped by William Garrett; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, CL&P shall provide documentation that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis Report.

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

### Administrative Matters.

### The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, October 23, 2014, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 448 (Cellco-Orange) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, October 28, 2014, beginning at 1:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 451 (Homeland/AT&T-Cheshire) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 30, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, November 13, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, December 11, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

# Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

# Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein Chairman

RS/cm