

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of October 27, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016, 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 Chairman	James J. Murphy, Jr. Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Klee)	Larry Levesque (designee for Acting Chairman Betkoski)
Philip T. Ashton	Michael Harder
Michael W. Klemens	Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe Supervising Siting Analyst	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Supervising Siting Analyst	

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of October 13, 2016.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2016, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Levesque abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 466 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project that traverses the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, and Harwinton, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 10.4 miles between Eversource's existing Frost Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and existing Campville Substation in the Town of Harwinton; (b) related modifications to Frost Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and (c) reconfiguration of a 0.4 mile segment of two existing 115-kV electric transmission lines across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of Litchfield and Harwinton within the same existing right-of-way as the new 115-kV electric transmission line. Independent Environmental Inspector.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve TRC Companies, Inc. as the Independent Environmental Inspector for this project, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 468 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications. 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. Murphy, Dr. Klemens, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of approving the proposed project, and Mr. Levesque, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Harder abstaining.

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

PETITION NO. 1218 – PSEG Power Connecticut LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 485 megawatt (MW) dual fuel combined-cycle electric generating facility at the existing Bridgeport Harbor Station located at 1 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan – Phase I.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve Phase I of the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Dr. Klemens. Mr. Murphy moved to amend the motion to include the condition that the petitioner submits the specifications of the fill to be used, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1238 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the 1779 transmission line traversing the municipalities of Hartford, East Hartford, and South Windsor, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.

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

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Hannon moved to amend the motion to include the condition that the gravel work pads are to be removed unless the landowner requests that they remain in place, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1251 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately 3.8 miles of its existing No. 900 69-kV transmission line within existing right of way between Skungamaug Substation and Mansfield Junction in Coventry, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.

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

Dr. Klemens moved to set March 8, 2017, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1253 - 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 installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 99 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- Tuesday, November 1, 2016, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 463A at the East Lyme Town Hall, Upper Meeting Room, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut.
- Thursday, November 3, 2016, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 470 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, November 10, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, November 15, 2016, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 470 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm