

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of December 8, 2016**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 8, 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 1:02 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein

Chairman

Larry Levesque

(designee for Chairman Dykes)

Philip T. Ashton

Robert Silvestri

James J. Murphy, Jr.

Vice Chairman

Robert Hannon

(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**Council Members Absent:**

Michael Harder

Michael W. Klemens

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman

Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Fred Cunliffe

Supervising Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh

Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst

Lisa Fontaine

Fiscal Administrative Officer

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of November 10, 2016.**

This item was temporarily passed.

**DOCKET NO. 463A - American Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC amended application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut or for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at an alternative site located at 2 Arbor Crossing, East Lyme, Connecticut pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(a). Draft Findings of Fact.**

Chairman Stein stated for the record that he read the transcripts of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of the alternate site located at 2 Arbor Crossing, East Lyme, and with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

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

**DOCKET NO. 469 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Killingly Tax Assessor's Map 143, Lot 6, 520 Bailey Hill Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Murphy stated for the record that he read the transcripts of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of approving the proposed telecommunications facility, and with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

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

**PETITION NO. 1225 – Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately two miles of its existing No. 1682 115-kV transmission line within existing right of way from the Wilton Substation at 53 Old Danbury Road, Wilton to Norwalk Junction at 111 Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Access Road Modification.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the modifications to the access road and work pads with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1247 – C-TEC Solar, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.75 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 1 Ballard Road, Thompson, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan – Phase I.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Phase I of the Development & Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and the condition that the next phase of the Development & Management Plan includes an accurate delineation of the 100-year flood zone, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**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. Development & Management Plan.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Development & Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1256 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of approximately 8 miles of its existing No. 1620/1975 115-kilovolt electric transmission line structures with new transmission line structures within existing right of way between Haddam Substation and Oxbow Junction in Haddam, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1257 – Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace an existing customer-side 400-kW fuel cell with a 440-kW customer-side combined heat and power fuel cell located at the Eastern Connecticut State University Science Building, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1258 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of an existing rooftop telecommunications facility and for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of an additional rooftop telecommunications facility on an existing medical office building located at 1389 West Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr Ashton arrived at 1:26 p.m.

**PETITION NO. 1259 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Thames River Crossing Structure Replacement Project that includes replacement and re-conductoring of four double-circuit electric transmission line structures along approximately .5 miles of existing Eversource right of way between Montville and Ledyard, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1260 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Frontier Communications Corporation, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 400-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at the Frontier building, 2 Washington Street, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1261 - 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 small cell wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing Verizon Wireless retail store building located at 70 Buckland Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-T-MOBILE-117-161011 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 22 Wayside Lane, Redding, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Install proposed modifications in accordance and consistent with the structural analysis report and modification drawings prepared by Paul J. Ford and Company dated September 26, 2016 and stamped by Justin T. Kline on September 28, 2016;
- The color and diameter of the concealment shroud shall match the existing pole; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, T-Mobile shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.

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

**TS-T-MOBILE-150-161024 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 6 Mountain Road, Washington, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that antennas and supports are painted to match the color of the tower, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-T-MOBILE-012-161027 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 130 Vernon Road, Bolton, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**TS-SPRINT-089-161031 - Sprint request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1367 East Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**TS-T-MOBILE-111-161114 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 33 Keegan Road, Plymouth, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**TS-T-MOBILE-068-161115 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 136 Bulls Bridge Road, Kent, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 Biennium Budget.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the budget and send it to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

**Minutes of November 10, 2016.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon and Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

**Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were also discussed:

- Thursday, December 15, 2016, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 470 **closed proceeding beginning at 2 p.m.** at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, December 22, 2016, 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. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

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