

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 20, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017, 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
Michael W. Klemens
Robert Silvestri

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Michael Harder

Council Member Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of June 22, 2017

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2017; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed with Mr. Levesque abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 468 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and a recommendation to develop a plan to ensure invasive species are not transported with the excavated soils during construction; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 471 - 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 Hamden Tax Assessor's Map 2826, Block 24, 208 Kirk Road (a/k/a 1075 Paradise Avenue), Hamden, Connecticut. Reopen Evidentiary Record.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny reopening of the evidentiary record; seconded by Mr. Hannon. After discussion, Dr. Klemens withdrew his motion.

Mr. Murphy moved to reopen the evidentiary record limited to information regarding the viability of a cluster mount; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens voting in opposition and Mr. Silvestri recusing.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the schedule for reopening the evidentiary record as per staff recommendations; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

4. **DOCKET NO. 472 - 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 Bridgeport Tax Assessor's Map 85, Block 2805, Lot 29, 541 Broadbridge Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Levesque stated that he reviewed the record of the proceeding.

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

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 473 - Homeland Towers, LLC and 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 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Dr. Klemens moved to table this item; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **DOCKET NO. 474 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the schedule for processing the application as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the motion for a protective order; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **DOCKET NO. 475 - 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 adjacent to the maintenance building at the Skungamaug Golf Course, south of Folly Lane, at Coventry Tax Assessor's Map 006, Block 0026, Lot 0101, Coventry, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule for processing the application as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1140 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed reconductoring of a portion of an existing 115-kV transmission line extending from Barbour Hill Substation in South Windsor to Manchester Substation in Manchester, Connecticut and modifications to Barbour Hill Substation and Manchester Substation. Request to Amend.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the amendment request with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1300 - 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 and relocation of an existing rooftop telecommunications facility installed at the front of the building with a new rooftop telecommunications facility to be installed at the rear of the building located at 1 Circular Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

10. **PETITION NO. 1302 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing West Side Substation located at 52 Columbus Avenue, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **PETITION NO. 1303 - 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 1069 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri.

Upon discussion, Dr. Klemens modified his motion to include the condition that the generator be concealed or painted to match the existing facade; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Chairman Stein recusing.

12. **PETITION NO. 1304 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Stratford 115-kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project consisting of the removal and relocation of northern and southern sections of existing 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line structures from Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) catenary structures within the Metro-North Railroad corridor to new 115-kV transmission line structures to be located within the existing ConnDOT right of way and upgrade of 115-kV conductors extending approximately 1.9 miles from UI's Baird Substation to just west of the Housatonic River in Stratford, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Upon discussion, Mr. Silvestri modified his motion to include the condition that The United Illuminating Company provide an invasive species control plan to the Council; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **PETITION NO. 1305 - 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 telecommunications facility on the roof of a commercial building located at 1280 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

14. **PETITION NO. 1306 - 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 telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 597 Farmington Avenue in Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **PETITION NO. 1307 - 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 telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing banquet center building located at Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune Avenue, New London, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

16. **PETITION NO. 1308 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of two existing radio telecommunications facilities with a new 63.6-foot telecommunications facility on the roof of its existing Danielson Work Center used as a service center and maintenance yard located on property owned by Eversource Energy at 173 Mechanic Street, Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

17. **PETITION NO. 1309 - 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 telecommunications facility located at 93 North Airline Road, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Levesque moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

18. **PETITION NO. 1310 - Quinebaug Solar, LLC 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 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury, Connecticut and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Schedule.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the schedule for processing the petition as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

19. **PETITION NO. 1312 - Candlewood Solar LLC 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 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut. Schedule.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the schedule for processing the petition as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant party status to the Town of New Milford; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

20. **PETITION NO. 1313 - DWW Solar II, LLC** 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 26.4 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 289 acres comprised of 5 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally west of Hopmeadow Street (US 202/CT 10), north and south of Hoskins Road, and north and east of County Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's North Simsbury Substation west of Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Request for Hearing. Schedule.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule for processing the petition as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to the Town of Simsbury; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

21. **TS-CING-143-170503 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)** request for an order to approve the shared use of an existing telecommunications facility located at 136 Wright Road, Torrington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

22. **TS-SPRINT-015-170616 - Sprint** request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 220 Evergreen Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

23. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, July 25, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 461A at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, August 3, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. - **CANCELED**
- Tuesday, August 8, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 461A at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, August 15, 2017, **reopened evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** for Docket No. 471 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

- Thursday, August 17, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, August 22, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 474 at the Newington Town Hall Auditorium/Council Chambers, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, August 29, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 461A at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, August 31, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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