

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of June 21, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, 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
Edward Edelson
Michael Harder

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Michael W. Klemens
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Robert Silvestri

Council Member Absent:

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of June 7, 2018

Mr. Harder moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 461A - Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Demolition of Warehouse Building and Pre-Construction Site Preparation Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the following recommendations:

- a) Where applicable, Eversource use appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls specific to paved surfaces; and
- b) Ensure qualified personnel clean-up and remediate spills and spill contaminated materials.

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 479 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 380 Horace Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the recommendation that either landscaping or slat fencing be installed where appropriate to minimize visual impacts to surrounding neighbors; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 481 - 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 667, 665, 663 and 663R Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. 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. Silvestri, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder and Chairman Stein unanimously in favor of the project shifted 100 feet to the east from the original proposal.

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

5. **DOCKET NO. 482 - 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 on town-owned property behind Lyman Memorial High School located at 917 Exeter Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, approving the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Harder voting no and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

6. **PETITION NO. 1344 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement of approximately 11 miles of its existing No. 1342 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing Green Hill Substation located at 775 Green Hill Road in Madison and the existing Bokum Substation located at 49 Bokum Road in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, traversing Madison, Killingworth, Clinton, Westbrook, Essex and Old Saybrook, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. Set Date for Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than November 6, 2018; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1345 - Pawcatuck Solar Center LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 15 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 353 acres comprised of four abutting parcels located east of Pendleton Hill Road, north of the Pawcatuck River and south of Interstate-95 with proposed access from Ella Wheeler Road, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Shunock Substation west of Pendleton Hill Road in North Stonington, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than November 19, 2018; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1346 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and relocation of an existing telecommunications facility and an existing relay and control enclosure located at Manchester Substation, 250 Olcott Street, Manchester, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than November 28, 2018; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **TS-SIGFOX-089-180529 - Sigfox NIP LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 200 Stanley Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

10. TS-T-MOBILE-015-180529 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 380 Horace Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request with the recommendation that a shared generator be considered; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, July 19, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Docket No. 483, Tuesday, July 24, 2018, evidentiary hearing session beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Chairman Stein introduced the Council's new Siting Analyst, Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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