

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of February 21, 2013

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 21, 2013, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Robert Stein at 1:03 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Colin Tait
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Barbara Currier Bell
James J. Murphy
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Edward S. Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Philip T. Ashton

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

Minutes of February 7, 2013.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2013, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 401 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 208 Valley Road, New Canaan, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Caron moved to approve the Development and Management Plan submitted on January 30, 2013; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 428 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut, or 126 Transylvania Road, Roxbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item to allow additional time for parties and intervenors to review and comment on the draft findings of fact; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 433 - The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8 kilovolt substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road, Shelton, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Lynch stated that, although he did not attend the public hearing, he had read the transcript and would be voting.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Caron, and Chairman Stein in favor of issuing a certificate for the proposed site, with critical infrastructure located one foot above the 500-year flood elevation; and Mr. Tait abstaining.

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

DOCKET NO. 435 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Stamford Reliability Cable Project, which consists of construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV underground transmission circuit extending approximately 1.5 miles between Glenbrook and South End Substations, Stamford, Connecticut and related substation improvements. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Motion for Protective Order.

Chairman Stein indicated that he will recuse himself from this proceeding.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the City of Stamford, a public field review and hearing in Stamford on Thursday, March 28, 2013; seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

Administrative Matters.

Emergency Disaster Recovery Deployment - EM-CING-085-121218 - notice of intent to install a temporary cellular telephone facility for use at town own property located at 375 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Tait moved to add this item to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve AT&T's request for an additional 30-day extension of this temporary facility; seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- ❖ Thursday, March 7, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, March 14, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, field review and public hearing for Petition No. 1056 (GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC) at the East Lyme Town Hall, Auditorium, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut
- ❖ Thursday, March 21, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, March 28, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, field review and public hearing for Docket No. 435 (CL&P) at the NEON Stamford Gymnasium, 34 Woodland Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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