

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 21, 2013

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 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)

Philip T. Ashton
Edward S. Wilensky
Barbara Currier Bell
James J. Murphy
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Council Members Absent:

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)

Staff Members Present:

Linda Roberts
Executive Director
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:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of March 7, 2013.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2013, seconded Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 409A - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 8 Barnes Road, Canaan (Falls Village), Connecticut. Reopening of this docket pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b) limited to Council consideration of changed conditions, revised tower site location and modified facility.

Mr. Ashton moved to 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 Town of Canaan, a public field review and hearing in Canaan on Tuesday, April 30, 2013; seconded by Mr. Tait. 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. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order granting a Certificate for the Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67 site; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 431 – South Norwalk Electric and Water application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an electrical substation and its connection to an existing 115 kV transmission line, located at 180 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Norwalk, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, granting a Certificate for the proposed facility located at 180 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Norwalk, Connecticut, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Request for Administrative Notice.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant CL&P's request to take administrative notice of the CL&P 2013 Forecast of Loads and Resources for 2013-2022, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

PETITION NO. 973 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace and expand an existing structure located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Request for Extension of Time.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant a six month extension of time to November 4, 2013, for the facility to be fully operational, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1042 – Somers Solar Center, LLC Petition for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Project located at 458 & 488 South Road, Somers, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Chairman Stein stated for the record that he had read the transcript for this proceeding and would be voting.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, granting the Petition for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Project located at 458 & 488 South Road, Somers, Connecticut, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-110-130227MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 335 South Washington Street, Plainville, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-CNG-052-130305 - The Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG) Request for an Order to Approve the Shared Use of an Existing Telecommunications Facility located at 190 Colt Highway, Farmington, Connecticut.

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

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. Murphy moved to add this item to the agenda; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The following calendar events were discussed.

- ❖ Thursday, March 28, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** field review and public hearing for Docket No. 435 (CL&P-Stamford) at the NEON Stamford Gymnasium, 34 Woodland Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut.
- ❖ Thursday, April 4, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, April 18, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- ❖ Thursday, April 25, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** field review and public hearing for Docket No. 434 (Verizon-West Hartford) at the West Hartford Town Hall, Room 314, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Tait moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

RS/cm