

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of May 30, 2013

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 30, 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 3:06 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein Chairman	Michael Caron (designee for Chairman House)
Colin C. Tait Vice Chairman	Philip T. Ashton
Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Esty)	Barbara Currier Bell
Edward S. Wilensky	Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. James J. Murphy

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Siting Analyst Supervisor	David Martin Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe Siting Analyst Supervisor	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

Minutes of May 16, 2013.

E/T Minutes of May 16, 2013

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2013; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton and Mr. Caron abstaining.

HW Minutes of May 16, 2013

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Hazardous Waste Minutes of May 16, 2013; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining. Mr. Hannon and Mr. Caron are not designees for this committee.

Minutes of May 21, 2013.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Vice Chairman Tait and Mr. Caron abstaining. Mr. Ashton is recused from Docket No. 190B which was the subject of the meeting for which the minutes were taken.

DOCKET NO. 190B - Meriden Gas Turbines, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut. Reopening of this docket pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b) limited to Council consideration of changed conditions and Decommissioning Plan. Motion to Clarify or Limit Scope of Proceeding.

Mr. Wilensky moved to deny Meriden Gas Turbines requests to clarify or limit the scope of the proceeding to first consider whether the City of Meriden has met its burden and presented evidence on the record that demonstrates “changed conditions”; to re-caption the proceeding as D190MR, Motion to Reopen- Limited Proceeding pursuant to CGS §4-181a(b); and to limit the scope of evidence admissible in the proceeding to evidence relevant to “changed conditions.”; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining. Mr. Ashton is recused from this matter.

DOCKET NO. 426 – Third Taxing District Electric Department Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an electric substation located at 6 Fitch Street, Norwalk, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition that the Taxing District submit a revised site layout once the design of the rain garden is finalized; seconded by Mr. Murphy.

After discussion, Vice Chairman Tait moved to table this item to allow staff to obtain more information; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 429 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M23-P62 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 438 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon 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: 596 Pendleton Road or 53 Gallup Road, Voluntown, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Dr. Bell 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 Voluntown, a public field review and hearing in Voluntown on Tuesday, July 9, 2013; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1061 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the replacement of one monopole double-circuit 115-kV transmission line structure with two monopole single-circuit 115-kV transmission line structures near Washington Boulevard and Station Place, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1062 – 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 temporary telecommunications facility on Price Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.

Chairman Stein moved to approve this petition; seconded by Vice Chairman Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-ATC-031-130506 – American Tower Corporation (“ATC”) request for an order to approve the shared use of an existing telecommunications facility located at Mohawk Mountain Road, Cornwall, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-VER-134-130520 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve the shared use of an existing telecommunications facility located at 33 South Road, Stafford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

Administrative Matters.

Vice Chairman

Chairman Stein recommended Mr. Murphy to assume the role of the Council Vice-Chairman; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director

Chairman Stein gave an update on the Executive Director position.

Wind Regulations

Chairman Stein informed the Council that the proposed Wind Regulations have been denied without prejudice by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee for the second time.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- Tuesday, June 4, 2013, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** Field Review and Public Hearing for Docket No. 190B (MGT-Meriden) at Meriden City Hall, 145 East Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 6, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Field Review and Public Hearing for Docket No. 436 (MCM/AT&T) at the East Hartford Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 11, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Continued Evidentiary Hearing for Docket No. 409A (AT&T-Falls Village) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 13, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 18, 2013, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** Public Hearing for Docket No. F-2012/2013, Hearing Room 1, New Britain, Connecticut.

- Thursday, June 20, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Public Hearing for Docket No. 435 (CL&P-Stamford), Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 25, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Field Review and Public Hearing for Docket No. 437 (AT&T) at the Burnham School, 80 Main Street South, Bridgewater, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 27, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Farewell to Vice Chairman Tait

Staff Analyst Martin recited the following limerick for Vice Chairman Tait, who is retiring from the Council after 38 years (since 1975).

When Noah on Mt. Ararat did alight,
He thought everything would now be alright.
Hold on there, friend, you'll have to wait,
Said a local tribesman named Colin Tait,
Until our Council votes to approve your landing site.

Adjournment.

Vice Chairman Tait, as his last item of business with the Council, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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