

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 11, 2013

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 11, 2013, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Robin Stein at 1:04 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch
Barbara Currier Bell
Edward S. Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

James J. Murphy
Vice Chairman

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of June 27, 2013.

Dr. Bell moved to table the minutes of June 27, 2013, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 397 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the request for extension to complete construction to March 1, 2014, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 436 – Message Center Management, Inc. and 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 one of two sites: 465 Hills Street or 56 Hills Street, East Hartford, 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 Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of issuing a Certificate for the proposed telecommunication facility located at Site A, 465 Hills Street, East Hartford, Connecticut, and with Mr. Lynch opposed.

Dr. Bell stated for the record that she read the transcript of the proceeding.

Mr. Lynch moved to reopen the record, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion failed with Mr. Lynch voting yes, and Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein voting no.

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

PETITION NO. 893 - The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation and operation of two 2.5 megawatt electric generators and associated equipment on each property located at 57 Salem Turnpike, 145 Old Salem Road and 10 Wisconsin Avenue in the Town of Norwich, Connecticut. Request to withdraw without prejudice.

The Council discussed and acknowledged CMEEC's request to withdraw, without prejudice, two of the three facilities approved on April 23, 2009: 57 Salem Turnpike and 145 Old Salem Road, Norwich, Connecticut.

PETITION NO. 1066 – CTI Towers Assets I, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications tower located at 10 Tanner Marsh Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that a power density report containing the results of post-construction field measurements shall be submitted within 30 days after completion of construction to certify compliance, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

TS-GOGO-049-130524 – GOGO, LLC request for an order to approve the shared used of an existing telecommunications facility located at 1654 King Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

This item was passed temporarily.

TS-VER-072-130613 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve the shared used of an existing telecommunications facility located at 770 Long Cove Road, Ledyard, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request with the following conditions:

- The coax lines and accessory equipment shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations made in the Structural Analysis Report prepared by FDH Engineering dated April 5, 2013 and stamped by Christopher Murphy; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, Verizon shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-GOGO-049-130524 – GOGO, LLC request for an order to approve the shared used of an existing telecommunications facility located at 1654 King Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining. The Council directed that the decision letter contain language that encourages GOGO to work with the tower owner to address maintenance issues on sheet M-1 of the structural analysis prepared by Structural Components dated April 9, 2013.

TS-VER-088-130620 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve the shared used of an existing telecommunications facility located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-CING-004-130627– New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 324 Montevideo Road, Avon, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request with the following conditions:

- Prior to antenna installation, the reinforcements detailed in Section 4 of the Structural Analysis Report prepared by Centek Engineering dated June 13, 2013, and stamped by Carlo Centore shall be implemented; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, a signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the recommended modifications have been completed and the structure and foundation do not exceed 100 percent of the post-construction structural rating.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

DOCKET NO. 391 – T-Mobile Northeast LLC, Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a Telecommunications Facility at 232 Shore Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate

Dr. Bell moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton move to approve the Transfer of Certificate to Bay Communications II, LLC, who will comply with the terms and conditions contained in the Certificate, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- Tuesday, July 16, 2013, beginning at **11 AM**, Continuation of evidentiary hearing for Docket 190B (Meriden Gas Turbines) in Hearing Room One, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, July 25, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, August 8, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, August 22, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein.
Chairman

RS/cm