

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of September 19, 2013**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 19, 2013, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:03 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

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

**Staff Members Present:**

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of September 5, 2013.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of September 5, 2013, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Caron abstaining.

**Mr. Ashton stepped away as he is recused from the following proceeding.**

**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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Opinion, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Chairman

Stein, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Hannon, and Dr. Bell voting yes, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lynch voting no, and with Mr. Caron abstaining.

**Mr. Ashton returned.**

**DOCKET NO. 265A - Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. Amendment and Modifications to the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the existing independent spent fuel storage installation at Millstone Power Station, Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b) for the limited purpose of determining if changed conditions related to the existing independent spent fuel storage installation justify a modification of the Decision and Order. Motion to Reopen.**

Mr. Ashton moved to deny Nancy Burton and Connecticut Coalition Against Millstone's Motion to Reopen, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 370 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation. Development and Management Plan Revision.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 412 – SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 424 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation. Development and Management Plan for Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation. Environmental Inspector.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan for Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation with the following conditions:

1. CL&P immediately notify the Council in any case when an environmental permit is issued to CL&P by a federal and/or state regulatory agency that contains a provision inconsistent with the record in Docket 424;
2. CL&P provide the Council with a final report containing all agreements with abutters or other property owners regarding special maintenance precautions; significant changes to the D&M Plan that have been approved by the Council; locations of special planting and seeding; and actual construction cost of the project;
3. CL&P provide copies to the Council upon receipt of federal and state regulatory permits; and
4. Urgent significant changes requested by CL&P be authorized by Council staff, and that CL&P submit written specifications within 48 hours after the request.

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

Mr. Murphy moved to approve BSC Group from Glastonbury, Connecticut as the independent environmental inspector, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 440 – 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 522 Colebrook Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order consistent with the Conclusions of Law adopted in Docket No. 366-Danbury, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to the Town of Colebrook, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1058 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed 1990 line structure replacement project consisting of modifications of two sections of an existing 115-kV transmission line from Stevenson Substation to Frost Bridge Substation and from Baldwin Junction to Baldwin Substation traversing the municipalities of Monroe, Oxford, Middlebury, Waterbury and Watertown, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan Revision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1068 – BE 2012 A LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at AT&T, 26 Washington Street, New London, Connecticut. Request for Public Hearing.**

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

Mr. Caron moved to grant the New London City Planner's request for a public hearing, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1075 - Crown Atlantic Company LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed relocation of the driveway at an existing telecommunications tower located at 1684 Chamberlain Highway, Berlin, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision. Administrative Matters.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set January 28, 2014, as the date by which the Council shall make a decision on this petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters**

**DOCKET NO. 423 – North Atlantic Towers, LLC, and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Request for Extension.**

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

Mr. Murphy moved to grant a six month extension of time, until June 21, 2014, to construct the facility, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**The following calendar events were discussed.**

- ❖ Thursday, October 17, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- ❖ Thursday, October 24, 2013, **Docket No. 440** (AT&T-Colebrook) beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, Field Review and Public Hearing in Colebrook.
- ❖ Thursday, October 31, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

**Adjournment.**

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm