

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 23, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 23, 2014, in Hearing Room One, 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
James J. Murphy
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch
Michael W. Klemens
Barbara C. Bell
Eileen M. Daily (arrived at 1:18 p.m.)
Michael Caron (departed at 1:50 p.m.)
(designee for Chairman House)

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/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 December 12, 2013.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2013, as amended; seconded Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Caron abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 437 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 111 Second Hill Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens recusing.

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. Draft Findings of Fact.

Ms. Daily arrived at 1:18 p.m. during the Draft Findings of Fact discussion.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Ashton in favor of a 120-foot monopole with access road option 3; Dr. Klemens, Dr. Bell, Ms. Daily, Mr. Hannon and Chairman Stein in favor of a 120-foot monopine with access road option 3; and Mr. Caron abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the 120-foot monopine to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Recess.

The Council took a 5-minute recess at 1:45 p.m. and resumed at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Caron departed at that time.

DOCKET NO. 442 - 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 284 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After partial review of the Draft Findings of Fact, Mr. Ashton moved to reopen the evidentiary record to obtain more information from the State Historic Preservation Office; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

PETITION NO. 1046 - BE 2012 W LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 500 kW Fuel Cell to be located at Walmart, 155 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut. Request for approval of Reduction in Fuel Cell Rating.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Request for Reduction in the Fuel Cell Rating to one 250 kW fuel cell unit with an Uninterruptable Power Module; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1076 - ClearEdge Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Customer-Side 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at CT Transit Bus Maintenance Facility, 2061 State Street, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that landscape plantings removed during the construction process be re-located around the north side of the fuel cell to improve aesthetics as viewed from Edmund Street; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1080 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing CL&P switching station located at 181 Cove Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1081 - Bloom Energy Corporation 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 200 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Home Depot store, 75 North Frontage Road, East Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1082 - Bloom Energy Corporation 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 200 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Home Depot store, 541 Kings Highway Cut-Off, Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1085 - Bloom Energy Corporation 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 200 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Home Depot store, 117 Main Street, Derby, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1086 - Bloom Energy Corporation 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 200 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Home Depot store, 656 Reservoir Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1087 - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 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 250 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Wal-Mart store, 625 School Street, Putnam, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1089 - 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 extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 50 Devine Street, North Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that Cellco's equipment shelter be elevated above the 100-year flood elevation; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

PETITION NO. 1090 - Bloom Energy Corporation 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 750 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Danbury Fair Mall, 7 Backus Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1091 - Bloom Energy Corporation 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 200 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Home Depot store, 80 Buckland Hills Drive, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-AT&T-130-131213 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 111 Upper Fish Rock Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-AT&T-069-131216 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1249 Hartford Pike, East Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-AT&T-004-131223 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 376 Deercliff Road, Avon, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-AT&T-143-131227 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 136 Wright Road, Torrington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request; seconded by Dr. Bell. After discussion, Dr. Klemens moved to table this item to review the request from the City of Torrington; seconded Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

EM-CING-052-131023 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to install a temporary cellular telephone facility located at 500 South Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the request for extension until June, 2014; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

Statewide Telecommunications Plan

The Council made additional recommendations to the staff on this document.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- **Regular Items**
 - > Upcoming Calendar Events:
 - Thursday, February 6, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
 - Thursday, February 20, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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