

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of February 19, 2015**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chairman Murphy at 1:02 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Vice Chairman  
Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Barbara Currier Bell  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr  
Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman House)

**Council Members Absent**

Robert Stein  
Chairman

Philip T. Ashton  
Michael W. Klemens

**Staff Members Present:**

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

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Mathews

**Minutes of January 22, 2015.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2015, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 217 - Northeast Utilities Service Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a 345-kV electric transmission line and reconstruction of an existing 115-kV electric transmission line between Connecticut Light and Power Company's Plumtree Substation in Bethel, through the Towns of Redding, Weston, and Wilton, and to Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut. Request to Discontinue Annual Reporting Requirements.**

**DOCKET NO. 224 - Northeast Utilities Service Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the replacement of a submarine electric transmission cable system from Norwalk, Connecticut to Northport, New York. Request to Discontinue Annual Reporting Requirements.**

**DOCKET NO. 292 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction and operation of 8.7 miles of new underground 115-kilovolt electric transmission cables extending from CL&P's existing Glenbrook Substation in the City of Stamford, through the Town of Darien, to CL&P's existing Norwalk Substation in the City of Norwalk. Request to Discontinue Annual Reporting Requirements.**

CL&P, now known as Eversource Energy, withdrew their request in Docket No. 217 on February 9, 2015. No action was taken.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Request to discontinue Annual Operating Report Requirements for Docket No. 224 and Docket No. 292 with the condition that Eversource Energy will provide an operating report if requested by the Council in the future, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 401 – Phoenix Partnership, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 208 Valley Road, New Canaan, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate from Phoenix Partnership, LLC, to Florida Tower Partners, LLC d/b/a North Atlantic Towers, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 449 – Message Center Management Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 186 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.**

Dr. Bell moved to deny the Connecticut State Historic Preservations Office's Motion to Reopen, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 452 - Homeland Towers, LLC 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 Salisbury Tax Assessor Map 16 Lot 5, 250 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chairman Murphy conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Dr. Bell, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Levesque, and Vice Chairman

Murphy in favor of an expandable monopine telecommunications facility, and Mr. Lynch in favor of an expandable monopole telecommunications facility.

Vice Chairman Murphy directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for an expandable monopine telecommunications facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**PETITION NO. 1120 – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the Hawthorne Substation located at 180 Hawthorne Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to deny UP's objection to the Requests for Intervenor Status for Arthur Tournas and Vincent Giandurco, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bell moved to approve intervenor status for Arthur Tournas and Vincent Giandurco, and grouping them, pursuant to C.G.S. 16-50 n(c), seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1130 - Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of an existing telecommunications facility located at 194 Mount Parnassus Road, East Haddam, Connecticut.**

Mr. Levesque moved to approve this petition with the condition that the Council shall be notified in writing when the existing tower is removed and the new self-supporting lattice tower is operational, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1131 - 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 new back-up power generator and associated equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 80 Lonetown Road, Redding, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1132 - 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 small cell telecommunications facility on the Killingly Town Hall building located at 172 Main Street, Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1133 – Connecticut Siting Council petition for a declaratory ruling pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-176 that Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50k does not apply to Eligible Facilities Requests for existing telecommunications facilities submitted under the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules adopted pursuant to the October 21, 2014 FCC Wireless Infrastructure Report and Order. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to table this petition, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1135 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement and expansion of an existing light pole for the installation of telecommunications antennas and associated equipment at Penders Field, Longbrook Park, located at Glendale Road, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Bell moved to table this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1138 – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement and relocation of the existing 115-kV transmission lines crossing the Housatonic River located in Stratford and Milford, Connecticut and related switching station improvements. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Dr. Bell recusing.

**TS-VER-135-150112 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 366 Old Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve this tower share with the following conditions:

- The tower shall be reinforced per the URS Corporation report dated June 13, 2013, and Nextel's equipment at 118-foot level of the tower shall be removed as referenced in the structural analysis report prepared by URS Corporation dated October 31, 2014 and stamped by Richard Sambor, prior to the installation of Cellco's equipment; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, Cellco shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations included in the Structural Analysis Report prepared by URS Corp. dated October 31, 2014 and stamped by Richard Sambor.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch and passed unanimously.

### **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, February 24, 2015, beginning at **11:00 a.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 192 B at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, March 3, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 453 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, March 5, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m. energy/telecommunications meeting**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, March 10, 2015, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 455 at the Southington Town Hall, Council Chambers, 75 Main Street, Southington, Connecticut.
- Thursday, March 12, 2015, beginning at **11:00 a.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 192 B at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, March 17, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 454 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, March 19, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m. energy/telecommunications meeting**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, March 24, 2015, beginning at **11:00 a.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 192 B at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, March 26, 2015, beginning at **11:00 a.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 192 B at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, March 31, 2015, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Petition No. 1120 at the Education Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Executive Director Bachman informed the Council of an appeal received February 18, 2015 for Docket Do. 448. (Albert Subbloie, et al vs. Connecticut Siting Council).

Vice Chairman Murphy also discussed that testimony was provided on three bills this legislative session, (Bill No. 556 An Act Concerning Electric Generating Facilities; Bill No. 568 - An Act Concerning Telecommunications Towers; and Bill No. 6435 An Act Streamlining the Permitting Process for the Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems.)

**Adjournment.**

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

Mr. Murphy adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James J. Murphy, Jr.**  
**Vice Chairman**

JM/lm