

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 5, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Mr. Ashton in at 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Philip T. Ashton
Michael W. Klemens
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Barbara Currier Bell
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)

Council Members Absent:

Robert Stein
Chairman

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Mathews

Opening Remarks

Mr. Ashton began the meeting with opening remarks in memory of Siting Analyst David Martin, who passed away last weekend, followed by a moment of silence.

Minutes of February 19, 2015.

Mr. Caron moved to table the minutes of February 19, 2015, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 384 - Florida Tower Partners, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 50 Devine Street, North Haven, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 385 - Florida Tower Partners, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 23 Stonybrook Road, Stratford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 386 - Florida Tower Partners, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 123 Pine Orchard Road, Branford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 390 - Florida Tower Partners, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 15 Orchard Park Road, Madison, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 400 - Construction Services Towers Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 343 Daleville Road, Willington, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 401 – Florida Tower Partners, LLC d/b/a North Atlantic Towers 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.

DOCKET NO. 410 - Construction Services Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 234 Melba Street, Milford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 416 - Construction Services Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Day Hill Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 422 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

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 Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 427 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Caron moved to approve the Transfer of the Certificates for the above referenced dockets to American Towers LLC, seconded by Dr. Bell. 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, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the applicants' motion to reopen this docket. There was no second. The motion failed.

Mr. Ashton stated he visited the site and read the transcript.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Klemens recusing.

DOCKET NO. 456 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Plymouth Tax Assessor Map 054/065/016A-1, 33 Keegan Road, Plymouth, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.

Mr. Lynch moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as the custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the town of Plymouth, a public field review and hearing in the Town of Plymouth on April 21, 2015; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1035 – 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 CL&P's existing Montville Substation located at 81 Lathrop Road, Montville, Connecticut. Request to Amend.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Request to Amend this petition, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1104 – The United Illuminating Company declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.2 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility and a 2.8 MW AC Fuel Cell facility on approximately 22 acres of the former Seaside Landfill located at 350 Waldemere Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan – Fuel Cell Portion.

Dr. Klemens moved to partially approve the Development & Management Plan specific only to the Fuel Cell portion of the project, seconded by Dr. Bell. 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.

Dr. Bell moved to remove the petition from the table, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

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

PETITION NO. 1134 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on an existing Connecticut Light and Power Company transmission structure located off of Rivergate Drive, Wilton, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Caron. 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. Set Date for Decision.

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

Dr. Klemens moved to approve July 14, 2015 as the decision date for this petition, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1136 - 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 roof of the existing Econo Lodge Motel building located at 1843 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1137 – Windham Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of five 1.0 MW and one 1.1 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating facilities located at 1 Williams Crossing Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- Implementation of DEEP recommended construction practices to reduce impacts to the Wood Turtle, in accordance with DEEP's letter of January 12, 2015;
- Consultation with local emergency responders in regards to potential construction and operational emergency response hazards;
- Plant vegetation along the west side of the project in accordance with the Town of Lebanon's letter of January 8, 2015;
- Removal of the abandoned underground storage tank and registration of the tank with DEEP's Underground Storage Tank Program; and
- Coordination with Town of Lebanon officials regarding installation and inspection of erosion and sedimentation control measures.

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

TS-CING-020-150209 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at a new municipal emergency communications tower at the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department located at 87 Monce Road, Burlington, Connecticut.

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

Administrative Matters.

DOCKET NO. F-2014/2015 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. UI Request for Extension to File Report Pursuant to C.G.S. 16-50r.

Mr. Caron moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant an extension of time until March 31, 2015, for UI to file their annual forecast report, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Pending Legislation was discussed.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- 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. 192B 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. 192B 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. 192B 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, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Mr. Ashton adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip T. Ashton
Acting Chairman

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