

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 2, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 2, 2015, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

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

Minutes of February 19, 2015.

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

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2015, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Chairman Stein, Mr. Ashton, and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

Minutes of March 5, 2015.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2015, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Chairman Stein and Mr. Murphy abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 338 – SBA Towers IV, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Compliance Proposal.

Mr. Caron moved to approve the Compliance Proposal, with the condition that the antenna concealment socks be removed if they interfere with Cellco's service, and that SBA, upon consultation with Cellco, investigate alternative concealment methods, and provide the Council with the preferred method for review and approval, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 391 – Bay Communications II Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located 232 Shore Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Revised Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Revised Development and Management Plan with the following conditions:

- Twelve one-inch diameter A325 flange bolts at the 80-foot level of the tower shall be replaced with 12 one-inch diameter A490 flange bolts per the structural analysis report dated January 28, 2015 and stamped by Timothy Lynn, P.E.; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the recommendation of the structural analysis.

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

DOCKET NO. 417 - Bay Communications Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Moose Hill Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, with the condition that Bay Communications submit results of environmental monitoring for the Turtle Protection Plan with the Final Report for the facility pursuant to Regulations of CT State Agencies (RCSA) Section 16-50j -77 (c), seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 453 – American Tower Corporation 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 Manchester Tax Assessor Map 133, Block 3700, Lot 701, 701 Lydall Street, Manchester, 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 Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of a monopole at the (3rd alternative) location; Dr. Klemens, Dr. Bell, and Mr. Lynch in favor of a silo design at the (3rd alternative) location, and Mr. Caron with no preference.

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

DOCKET NO. 457 – 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 Monroe Tax Assessor's Map 107, Parcel 8.02, 30 Cobblers Hill Court, Monroe, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Ashton 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 Towns of Monroe and Newtown, a public field review and hearing in the Town of Monroe on Tuesday, May 19, 2015; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Dr. Klemens. 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 & Management Plan – Solar Facility Portion.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Development & Management Plan specific to the Solar field portion of the project, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon and Mr. Ashton opposed.

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. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Dr. Bell recusing.

PETITION NO. 1139 - 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 an existing building located at 3 Arnoldale Road, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition without the SHPO recommendation, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1141 - 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 an existing office building located at 200 Executive Boulevard, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1142 - 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 an existing commercial building located at 2 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1143 - 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 Harvest Bakery building located at 84 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-LIGHT-126-150304 – Light Squared, Inc. request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 14 Oxford Drive, Shelton, Connecticut.

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

TS-LIGHT-008-150309 – Light Squared, Inc. request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 93 Old Amity Road, Bethany, Connecticut.

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

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Cancellation of continued evidentiary hearing for Petition No. 1120 on April 7, 2015 rescheduled to April 23, 2015.
- Thursday, April 16, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, April 21, 2015, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 456 at the Plymouth Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 80 Main Street, Terryville, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, April 23, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing** for Petition No. 1120 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room One, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, April 30, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 14, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 28, 2015, 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. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/lm