

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of June 11, 2015**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 11, 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  
Michael Caron  
(designee for Chairman House)  
Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Vice Chairman  
Barbara Currier Bell  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.  
Philip T. Ashton

**Council Member Absent:**

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of May 28, 2015.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET F-2014/2015 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Council's office in New Britain, and a public hearing in New Britain on Thursday, September 24, 2015; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 441 – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Caron moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hannon vacated his seat on the Council as he is recused from the following matter.

**DOCKET NO. 454 - Tower Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Farmington Tax Assessor Parcel ID Maps 25 and 26, Lots 3A and 3B, 199 Brickyard Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.**

Mr. Ashton moved to overrule the Town of Farmington's Objection to the Applicant's comments on the draft Findings of Fact, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended, denying the proposed facility without prejudice, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy voting no.

Mr. Hannon returned to his seat on the Council.

**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. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the council members with Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Ashton in favor of approving the petition with conditions; Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein denying the petition without prejudice; and Mr. Caron abstaining.

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

**PETITION NO. 1150 – SolarCity Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 3.1 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located on Brush Hill Road in Bozrah, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions outlined in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1153 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing Sandy Hook Substation and associated transmission lines located at 13 Farmery Road, Newtown, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to set October 16, 2015, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1154 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing Haddam Substation and associated 345-kV and 115-kV transmission lines located at 1384 Saybrook Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to grant CEPA intervenor status and party status to Fritz Dahlgren, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition with the conditions outlined in the staff report including the fence design and grading and with the additional condition that a copy of the plans for the retaining wall, and any associated landscaping, be sent to the party, Mr. Dahlgren, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1156 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of an existing 120-foot tall telecommunications facility with a new 150-foot telecommunications facility located at property owned by Eversource Energy used as a service center and maintenance yard, 2 Tindall Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition with the conditions outlined in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1157 – Eversource Energy and The United Illuminating Company joint petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission substation remediation activities to comply with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection. Decision.**

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

#### **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, June 25, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 30, 2015, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 459 at the Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
- Thursday, July 9, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, July 14, 2015, beginning at **11:00 a.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 458 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, July 23, 2015, 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. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm