

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 3, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Michael W. Klemens

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

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
Cymon Holzschuh
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Mr. Ashton thanked everyone for their best wishes and concerns and assured everyone present that he was doing well.

Minutes of August 6, 2015.

Mr. Caron moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2015, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens abstaining.

DOCKET 192B- CPV Towantic, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 785 MW dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility located north of the Prokop Road and Towantic Hill Road intersection in the Town of Oxford, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development & Management Plan, and table the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan portion, with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens recused.

DOCKET NO. 335 – MetroCast Communications of Connecticut, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Expansion of its existing CATV Headend facility located at 689 Old Colchester Road, Uncasville-Montville, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 421 - Phoenix Partnership LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 158 Edison Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revision.

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to the Development & Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 458 – Florida Tower Partners LLC d/b/a North Atlantic Towers Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation, of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations at Bethel Tax Assessor's Map 65, Block 57, Lot 122, 62-64 Codfish Hill Road, Bethel, 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, Dr. Klemens, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Caron, and Mr. Ashton in favor of a monopole telecommunications facility at Site 2, and with Chairman Stein in favor of a monopine telecommunications facility at Site 2.

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

PETITION NO. 922 – UIL Distributed Resources, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Fuel Cell generating facility located at 1835 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Landscaping Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caron moved to approve UIL's site restoration plan, final color scheme, and revised landscaping plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1120 – The United Illuminating Company 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. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development & Management Plan with the condition that the petitioner adhere to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's letter dated November 14, 2014 and UI's testimony in the record regarding box turtle protection measures, and that the weekly inspections are carried out by a state licensed/certified herpetologist, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1150 – SolarCity Corporation 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. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development & Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Hannon. 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. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Caron moved to approve the joint Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton voting no.

PETITION NO. 1159 - Lodestar Energy LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 2.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 1005 North Street, Suffield, Connecticut. Decision.

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

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

PETITION NO. 1168 – Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC Petition for a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council over the construction or replacement of natural gas pipeline facilities in the City of Danbury, Connecticut; modifications to compressor stations in the towns of Oxford and Chaplin, Connecticut; modifications to an existing metering station in the City of Danbury, Connecticut; construction of a new metering station in the city of Norwich, Connecticut, which will replace an existing metering station in Norwich, all as part of the Atlantic Bridge Project; and for recommendations regarding siting, environmental mitigation measures, and construction procedures to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved that the Council does not have jurisdiction over the Atlantic Bridge Project and that the recommendations in the staff report be submitted to FERC as the Council's comments on its review of the project, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1170 - 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 top of an existing abandoned utility pole adjacent to an existing industrial building located at 330 Newington Road, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1171 - 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 South Windsor Public Library building located at 1550 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1172 - 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 934 Boston Post Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, with the condition noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Caron. The Council discussed the request from the Town of Guilford to hold a public hearing. The motion to approve the petition without holding a public hearing passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1173 – Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of two 400-kilowatt Customer-Side Fuel Cells to be located at Amgraph Packaging, Inc., 90 Inland Road, Sprague, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1174 - 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 Lake Compounce Amusement Park, off Mount Vernon Road, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1175 - 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 Bear Creek Campground at Lake Compounce Amusement Park, off Mount Vernon Road, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1176 – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Bridgeport 115-kV transmission line upgrade project consisting of the northern and southern sections of 115-kV lines extending from Congress Substation in the City of Bridgeport to Baird Substation in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Caron moved to set January 13, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, September 15, 2015, **public hearing** beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m. (evidentiary session)/7:00 p.m. (public comment session)** for Docket No. 462 at the Danbury City Hall, Council Chambers, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 17, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

- Thursday, September 24, 2015, **public hearing** beginning at **1:00 p.m. (technical session)/6:30 p.m. (public comment session)** for Docket No. F-2014/2015, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 1, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm