

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 17, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 17, 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 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Michael W. Klemens

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Philip T. Ashton
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Council Members Absent:

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
Cymon Holzschuh
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of September 3, 2015.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2015, as amended, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 16 – Greater Hartford CATV, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a receive site to serve the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 34 – Continental Cablevision of Connecticut, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the erection of a community antenna television tower in the Town of Stafford. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 36 – Continental Cablevision of Connecticut Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the erection of community antenna television towers in the Towns of East Granby, Hartland, and Union. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 38 – Continental Cablevision of Connecticut Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the erection of a community antenna television tower in the Town of Enfield. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 41 – Continental Cablevision of Connecticut Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the erection of a community antenna television tower and associated equipment in the Town of Windsor Locks. Transfer of Certificate.

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

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 – Section (e) Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan.

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve Section (e) of the Development & Management Plan – Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan with the condition noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon voting no and Dr. Klemens recusing.

DOCKET NO. 449 – Message Center Management and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Redding Ridge Fire Department, 186 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Klemens. 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

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

DOCKET NO. 461 - Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant intervenor status to Joel Berger and group Mr. Berger with the grouped intervenors Bella Nonna Restaurant & Pizzeria and Greenwich Chiropractic & Nutrition in accordance with Connecticut General Statute §16-50n(c), seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1121 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of and modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 353 Pumpkin Hill Road, Ashford, Connecticut. Request for Modification.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the modification to the site plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Caron. 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. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the condition that United Illuminating submit a Development & Management Plan for the project prior to construction, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1177 - 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 67 Newtown Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1178 – Fusion Solar Center, 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 ground-mounted 20 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on Potash Hill Road, Sprague, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1179 - 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 an existing commercial building located at 137 South Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

TS-EVER-061-150806 – Eversource Energy request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 373 Chamberlain Hill Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- 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.
- Tuesday, October 6, 2015, **evidentiary hearing** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 461, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- *****CANCELLED***** Thursday, October 15, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 29, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman