

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of November 12, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 12, 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 1:02 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
Lisa Fontaine
Fiscal Administrative Officer

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Cymon Holzschuh
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of October 1, 2015.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2015, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET F-2014/2015 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Draft Report.

Council Members and utility industry comments are due to Council staff by December 1, 2015.

DOCKET NO. 462 - 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 Danbury Tax Assessor's Map L16, Lot 5, 15 Great Pasture Road, Danbury, 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, Mr. Ashton and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed telecommunications facility.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for a 120-foot galvanized monopole facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 463 - American 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 East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Murphy 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 East Lyme, a public field review beginning at 2:00 p.m., an evidentiary hearing beginning at 3:00 p.m., and a public comment session beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of East Lyme on Tuesday, December 15, 2015; seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Annual Review.

Mr. Ashton moved that no revisions are recommended to the Council's current EMF-BMP's, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Revised Landscaping Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revised landscaping plan, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1154 – Eversource Energy 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. Revision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to this petition with the condition that consistent fence design be utilized, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1181 - 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 4.93 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 9 Stott Avenue & 292 Plain Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision. Development & Management Plan.

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

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the D&M Plan, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1183 - Wallingford Energy II, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of two natural gas fired 50 megawatt peaking units and associated equipment at an existing electric generating facility located at 115 John Street, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1185 - 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 Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Church located at 752 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1186 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed partial decommissioning of 0.5 miles of existing 115-kV transmission line and modifications to its existing 115-kV transmission line and related substation improvements located at 181 Cove Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1187 - 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 Griswold High School located at 303 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1188 - 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 1081 Huntington Road, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1189 - 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 existing Mix Avenue Substation located at 690 Mix Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut and related improvements to existing electric transmission line circuits from Mix Avenue Substation to Glen Lake Junction and from June Street Substation to Pease Road. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the conditions as noted in the staff report and the condition that the petitioner utilize consistent fence design, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1190 - Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Hyatt Hotels Corporation, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 500-Kilowatt Fuel Cell to be located at the Hyatt Hotel building at 1800 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1191 - 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 industrial building located at 8 Custom Drive, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1192 - 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 2.74 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located on two City of Norwich-owned parcels on Rogers Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Decision. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the conditions as noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens opposing.

Dr. Klemens stated for the record that he was opposed to the petition because page 30 of the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by APT that states that the proposal does not comply with the BDP Manual (Calhoun and Klemens, 2002). This is a marked departure from the high standard that the CSC has held Applicants to in balancing the public need with environmental stewardship on both telecommunications dockets and energy petitions. Of special concern are the solar arrays located on Mounting Plane 1 located between the two most productive vernal pools (2 and 4), especially the intrusion into the vernal pool envelopes of these pools by the proposed action.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the D&M Plan, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens opposing.

PETITION NO. 1193 - 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 at Lime Rock Park, 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1194 - 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 abandoned grain elevator structure at 140 Route 32, Franklin, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1195 - 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 4.05 Megawatt Community Shared Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located on municipally-owned property at 1240 Poquonnock Road, Groton, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to set April 6, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan. Annual Review

Mr. Ashton moved that no revisions are necessary to the Council's Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Connecticut Siting Council Revised Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Murphy moved to present the budget to the energy and telecommunications industry for comment, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, December 1, 2015, **evidentiary hearing** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 461, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, December 10, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, January 7, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, January 21, 2016, 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. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm