

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 21, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

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

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

Council Members Absent

Michael W. Klemens

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst

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

Staff Members Absent:

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of January 7, 2016.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of January 7 2016, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 465 – The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8-kilovolt (kV) replacement substation facility located on an approximately 1.5 acre portion of two adjoining UI-owned parcels directly adjacent to UI's existing Baird Substation, 1770 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.

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 Town of Stratford, 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 Stratford on Thursday, February 25, 2016; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 466 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project that traverses the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, and Harwinton, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 10.4 miles between Eversource's existing Frost Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and existing Campville Substation in the Town of Harwinton; (b) related modifications to Frost Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and (c) reconfiguration of a 0.4 mile segment of two existing 115-kV electric transmission lines across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of Litchfield and Harwinton within the same existing right-of-way as the new 115-kV electric transmission line. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.

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 Litchfield, Watertown, Thomaston, Harwinton, Plymouth and the City of Waterbury, an evidentiary session beginning at 2:00 p.m. on February 23, 2016, at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room One, New Britain, Connecticut, a public field review beginning at 1:00 p.m., the continuation of the evidentiary session beginning at 3:30 p.m., and a public comment session beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Town of Litchfield on Tuesday, March 1, 2016; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to the Office of Consumer Counsel, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1201 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed reconductoring of approximately 1.75 miles of its existing No. 1810 115-kV transmission line from Forestville Junction in Southington to Lake Avenue Junction in Bristol, rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately 1.85 miles of its existing Nos. 1800 and 1810 115-kV transmission lines from Southington Substation in Southington to Structure No. 1815 in Southington, reinforcement of an existing transmission structure at Southington Substation in Southington, and related substation and transmission line structure improvements. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and with the recommendations that the petitioner consider the use of weathering steel for the replacement transmission structures and allowing disturbed areas of the right of way to revegetate, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1202 – FuelCell Energy, Inc. petition for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 1.4 MW fuel cell combined heat and power electric generating facility located at Pepperidge Farm, Inc., 1414 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1203 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for a proposed rooftop wireless telecommunications facility on an existing barn located at 212 Deans Mill Road, Stonington, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1204 – Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Legrand, S.A., petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Customer-Side 500-Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at Legrand Wiremold, 60 Woodlawn Street, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to set June 10, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1205 - 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 the Bristol Shopping Center, 597 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.

No action was taken on this item. The matter was withdrawn on January 11, 2016.

PETITION NO. 1206 - 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 wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at the Old Saybrook Shopping Center, 665 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Decision.

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

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, January 26, 2016, **evidentiary hearing** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 463, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, February 4, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, February 11, 2016, **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. 464 at the Bridgeport City Hall, Common Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Thursday, February 18, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016, **evidentiary hearing** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 461, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm