

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 14, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 14, 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 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein Chairman	James J. Murphy, Jr. Vice Chairman
Michael Caron/Larry Levesque (designees for Chairman House)	Philip T. Ashton
Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Klee)	Michael W. Klemens
	Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe Supervising Siting Analyst	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Supervising Siting Analyst	Cymon Holzschuh Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Mathews

Governor Appointment

Chairman Stein welcomed Michael Harder, the Governor's new appointment to the Council.

Minutes of March 31, 2016.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 464 - Blue Sky 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 Bridgeport Tax Assessor Map 53, Block 1527, Lot 2, 220 Evergreen Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

Mr. Ashton arrived at 1:10 p.m. Dr. Klemens stated for the record that he read the record of the proceeding.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Lynch. 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. Draft Findings of Fact.

Dr. Klemens stated for the record that he read the record of the proceeding.

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. Caron, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Ashton and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed replacement substation facility and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the proposed replacement substation facility and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements to be reviewed at the next meeting.

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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

Chairman Stein and Dr. Klemens stated for the record that they read the record of the proceeding.

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

PETITION NO. 1155 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 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 19 Main Street, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Revision.

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

PETITION NO. 1217 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed separation of the existing 1779/1777 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines for 1.6 miles within existing right of way from Bloomfield Substation to Bloomfield Junction; proposed separation of the existing 1751/1777 115kV electric transmission lines for 5.3 miles within existing right of way from Bloomfield Junction to North Bloomfield Substation; modifications to the existing overhead 1779 115 kV electric transmission line to loop into the Rood Avenue Substation via underground cables; including related transmission line structure improvements; and modifications to the Bloomfield Substation, 40 Crestview Drive and North Bloomfield Substation, 2 Hoskins Road both in Bloomfield, Connecticut and modifications to the Rood Avenue Substation located at 275 Rood Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to set September 2, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1219 - Quantum Biopower Southington, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 1.1 megawatt anaerobic digestion and combined heat and power electric generating facility located at 49 DePaolo Drive, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, April 28, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 5, 2016, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Petition No. 1218 at the Bridgeport City Hall, Common Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 12, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, May 26, 2016, 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 Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/lm