

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 4, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 4, 2016, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:03 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)
Philip T. Ashton

Michael W. Klemens
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Michael Harder

Council Members Absent:

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of July 21, 2016.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2016, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 468 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.

Mr. Lynch 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 Bethel, City of Danbury, and Town of Brookfield, a public field review beginning at 1:30 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 Bethel on Thursday, September 22, 2016; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 455A – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request to amend its declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to relocate an existing AT&T facility attached to an Eversource electric transmission line structure (#2998) onto an approved replacement electric transmission line structure (#2998) within the existing Eversource right-of-way located at 287 Danbury Road in Wilton, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1238 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed re-conductoring of 0.6 miles of its existing No. 1779 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line between South Meadow Substation in Hartford and the east side of structure 3001 in East Hartford and for the proposed rebuilding of 4.6 miles of its existing No. 1779 electric transmission line within existing Eversource right of way extending from structure 3001.5 in East Hartford to South Windsor Junction in South Windsor, traversing the municipalities of Hartford, East Hartford, and South Windsor, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure and substation improvements. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to set December 16, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1239 – Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the planned addition of an impressed current cathodic protection system to the Iroquois pipeline located parallel to Webb Circle, Monroe, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved that the Council does not have jurisdiction over the proposed 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. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1240 - Wallingford Energy, LLC, on behalf of the Town of Wallingford Electric Division, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the town's existing Wallingford 13M substation located at 195 East Street in Wallingford and modifications to several existing town-owned 115-kV electric transmission lines including the reconductoring and extension of the 1305 line, the circuit-separation of the 1630 and 1640 lines and the potential re-routing of the 1208 line located in Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1241 – 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 attachment of a telecommunications facility to the northerly façade of an existing building located at 1247 New Haven Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1242 - 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 office building located at 330 Market Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1243 - 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 its existing Ansonia Substation located at 24 Franklin Street and 4 Riverside Drive in Ansonia, Connecticut. Decision.

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

PETITION NO. 1244 - 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 2985-3017 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to set December 30, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-VER-072-160706 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 12 Orchard Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut. Decision.

TS-T-MOBILE-135-160707 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 366 Old Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.

TS-T-MOBILE-028-160708 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 355 New London Road (Rt. 85), Colchester, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the above tower share requests with the following conditions:

- **TS-VER-072-160706 – Ledyard** – no additional conditions.
- **TS-T-MOBILE-135-160707 – Stamford** – reinforcements shall be made in accordance and consistent with the structural analysis report and modification drawings prepared by AECOM dated June 6, 2016 and stamped by Richard A. Sambor; and within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, T-Mobile shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.
- **TS-T-MOBILE-028-160708 – Colchester** – no additional conditions

The motion was seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Wednesday, August 10, 2016, beginning at **6:30 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. F-2016/2017 in Hearing Room Two, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 1, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m. Energy/Telecommunications meeting**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Chairman Stein announced that the following calendar event has been cancelled:

- Thursday, August 18, 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 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm