

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of September 15, 2016**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 15, 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 1:11 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman House)

Philip T. Ashton

Michael W. Klemens

James J. Murphy, Jr.

Vice Chairman

Robert Hannon

(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Michael Harder

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**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

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of September 1, 2016.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of September 1, 2016, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 462 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 466 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy 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. Development and Management Plan.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 470 - NTE Connecticut, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Ashton moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the deposition of the transcript in the Towns of Killingly, Putnam, and Pomfret, a public field review beginning at 3:30 p.m., a public comment hearing session beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Town of Killingly on Thursday, October 20, 2016; and an evidentiary hearing session beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Council's office in New Britain on Thursday, November 3, 2016, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the motion for protective order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 395A – T-Mobile Northeast LLC (T-Mobile) request to amend its declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to relocate an existing T-Mobile facility attached to an Eversource electric transmission line structure (#2997) onto an approved replacement electric transmission line structure (#2997) within the existing Eversource right-of-way located in the parking lot of the Wilton Railroad Station near the intersection of Route 7 and Route 33 (Old Station Road a/k/a 15 Old Danbury Road) in Wilton, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**PETITION NO. 764A – T-Mobile Northeast LLC (T-Mobile) request to amend its declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to relocate an existing-T-Mobile facility attached to an Eversource transmission line structure (#1814) onto an approved replacement electric transmission line structure (#1814) within the existing Eversource right-of-way located at 437 Hobart Street, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**PETITION NO. 1217 – Eversource Energy 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. Development and Management Plan - Substations.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the substation portion of the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the location of the laydown area and staging yard for the transmission portion of the project, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1227 – Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of electric transmission line structures within approximately .8 miles of existing right of way along its existing No. 1975 115-kV transmission line traversing the municipalities of Middlefield, Durham and Middletown, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-T-MOBILE-062-160818 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 150 Willow Street, Hamden, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-EVER-086-160823 – Eversource Energy request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 911 Route 32 (Norwich New London Turnpike), Montville, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that prior to commencement of installation Eversource shall provide one copy of the Structural Analysis Report to the Council referencing Revision G of the *Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures* as adopted by the Connecticut State Building Code effective October 1, 2016, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-VER-169-160824 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 350 Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request with the corrections to the tower height in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, September 22, 2016, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** for Docket No. 468 at the Bethel Municipal Center, General Purpose Room, 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 29, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

**Adjournment.**

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm