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INTERVENOR STATUS REQUEST FORM

Docket/Petition No.

517

Town/City

Redding

Date

11/4/23

Name:

Michael Ungerer

Street Address:

130 Topstone Road

City, State, Zip:

Redding, CT 06896

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1. Manner in which intervenor's participation is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly conduct of the proceedings:

I have been a resident of Redding, CT since 2014 and currently live just over one (1) mile from the proposed 150' tower at the John Sherman Hoyt Scout Reservation property. To this end, I have an interest in the proposed cell phone tower.

2. Manner and extent to which intervenor proposes to participate:

I would like to be copied on all copies of all motions and correspondence, and notice of all public meetings, conferences and hearing dates regarding the proposed cell phone tower.

3. Statutory authority for intervenor request:

I understand that requests to intervene are usually in the form of a written motion. However, I am also aware that a letter may be sufficient if it complies with the format requirements of the DEEP Rules of Practice, RCSA §§22a-3a-2 to 22a-3a-6.

4. Nature of evidence intervenor intends to present:

The proposed cell phone tower will provide access to cell phone service to only a small number of households, at the cost of the destruction of the visual aesthetics of the rural Redding community at large. Additionally, as per typical generators for cell phone towers, the proposed backup generator will be run weekly for at least one (1) hour, plus at all times when the power is out, resulting in unnecessary noise for Redding residents.

Signature

Date

11/4/23

November 4, 2023

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RE: MCM Holdings LLC – Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility at 3 Marchant Road (Camp Hoyt) in Redding, CT – Docket/Petition No. 517

Dear Ms. Bachman,

I reside at 130 Topstone Road in Redding. My property is located just over one (1) mile from the proposed 150' cell phone tower at the John Sherman Hoyt Scout Reservation ("Camp Hoyt").

I have reviewed the Technical Report prepared by the applicant, MCM Holding LLC. Per the report, MCM Holdings would lease **6,800-square-feet of ground space** to support a self-supporting **monopole tower that is 150 feet in height**. Verizon would install nine (9) panel antennas and related equipment at a height of about 146 feet above grade level (i.e., at the top of the tower). Among other things, Verizon would install a provide a propane-fueled backup generator on a 10' x 20' concrete pad in the northeastern corner of the fenced compound. Moreover, a 1,000-gallon propane fuel tank will be placed on a separate 5' x 16' concrete pad in the northwest portion of the compound. All equipment will be fenced in within a 4,880-square-foot fenced area (e.g., equivalent to about 69' x 69') with an 8' high chain link fence with privacy slats and 6'8" evergreen plantings along three (3) sides. The proposed fixture would like something like the following:





Per the website for Camp Hoyt¹, the “*John Sherman Hoyt Scout Reservation is located on 170 acres of pristine forest and fields in West Redding, Connecticut.*” Sadly, if this project is approved, that will no longer be the case. The pristine nature of the forest and fields will be tainted by an obtrusive and unnecessary 150’ cell phone tower.

These monopole structures contradict the rural nature of Redding and will be a great eyesore to the community, resulting in decreased property values and are a potential significant liability, given that they are located in the middle of the property of a very popular, local scout camp. Such a structure is an accident waiting to happen.

Most residents of Redding such as myself have chosen to live in Redding for the bucolic nature of the community. It is a shame that the owners of MCM Holdings LLC, who are not even residents of this community, nor any community in close proximity to Redding, can force this cell phone tower to be erected for their own financial gains. I guarantee that if a cell phone tower was to be constructed near any of the Zachs’ family residences in West Hartford or any other locations, it would be fought tooth and nail, with dozens of highly paid lawyers. Perhaps some of the Zachs’ family members should remain in the CT cannabis business and stay out of the business of our local residents, who simply want to prevent the unnecessary proliferation of cell phone towers in our community, and leave us to tend to our pristine forest and fields.

Lastly, I ask that the following question be answered by the applicant:

- How many houses located within Redding, Danbury and Bethel, separately, that currently do not have any Verizon cell phone service would subsequently have Verizon cell phone service as a result of this project?

I surmise that the answer is relatively small in number. So, I ask the Siting Council: Why don’t the residents of Redding get to vote on this matter? Where is the equity when we, as residents, don’t even have a chance to vote on a proposal that results in a visual nuisance, decreased property values and a significant liability to both the Town of Redding, the Council and the State?

I ask you to vote to NO to this proposal of MCM Holdings.

Best,



Michael Ungerer

¹ <https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/council-camps/hoyt/>