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RE: **DOCKET NO. 488** – Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Kent Tax Assessor ID #M10, Block 22, Lot 38 Bald Hill Road or 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Ainsworth:

In response to your request, at the July 23, 2020 public hearing, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50n, § 22a-19, and §4-177a, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted intervenor and CEPA intervenor status in Docket No. 488 to Spectacle Ridge Association, Inc. (SRA), and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50n(c), grouped SRA with the Planned Development Alliance of Northwest Connecticut, Inc. and the South Spectacle Lakeside Residents.

Please note that the Telecommunications Act of 1996, a law passed by Congress, restricts this Council's actions. For example, this Act prohibits any state or local government agency, including this Council, from regulating telecommunication towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with the FCC's regulations concerning such emissions. Also, this Act blocks state and local government agencies, such as this Council, from prohibiting personal wireless services for any town or area. Finally, this Act prohibits such state and local government agencies from unreasonably discriminating among wireless service providers. We ask that you please keep this in mind when preparing your case.

Please be advised that until further notice, in order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus and protect the health and safety of our members and staff, the Council has converted to full remote operations and has waived the original and 15 hard copy filing requirements. **Please mail one hard copy of any filing to the Council Office for our records.** In accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings be sent to siting.council@ct.gov.

The Council's preferred service to parties and intervenors is electronic mail. If you wish to receive hard copies of documents via regular mail, please notify the Council in writing. Parties and intervenors are required to serve all other parties and intervenors a copy of any material submitted in this docket, unless service is waived. A copy of the current service list can be found on the Council's website for this proceeding.

Copies of all documents filed to date in this proceeding are available for your review at the Council's office and on the Council's website under Pending Matters. On the Council website you may sign up for our e-alert service which sends emails when the agenda, agenda minutes, and Pending Matters sites are updated. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-16 of the Regulations Connecticut State Agencies, you or your representative are responsible for obtaining and reviewing all of the materials for the proceeding. Please contact me if you require any further information regarding the Council's procedure.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated July 24, 2020