

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SITING COUNCIL

DOCKET NO. 488 - Homeland Towers and New Cingular Wireless Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunication facility on one of two sites in Kent, Connecticut.

JULY 15, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF Marleen Donnerfeld

I, Marleen Donnerfeld, the undersigned, being duly sworn, do depose and say:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and believe in the obligations of an oath.
2. I reside at 39 Spectacle Ridge Road, Kent, Connecticut.
3. I am the author of the pre-filed written testimony attached to this affidavit.
4. I believe the facts contained therein are true and accurate the best of my knowledge and belief.

FURTHER the deponent sayeth not.


Marleen Donnerfeld

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 th day of July, 2020. This document was remotely notarized and/or witnessed and executed under the authority granted by Connecticut Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7Q, March 30, 2020, providing for remote execution of notarized documents, testamentary documents and documents to be recorded on the land records of a municipality using simultaneous and recorded remote video teleconferencing technology.

 Commissioner of the Superior Court/Notary Public.

LOUISE M. KAISER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01KA6021139
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires March 08, 2023

My commission expires: 03-08-2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 15, 2020

State of Connecticut
Connecticut Siting Council
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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 Siting Council Members:

The undersigned group of neighbors listed below live along the shore of South Spectacle Lake which is the most severely impacted viewshed for either proposed tower due to:

- The open uninterrupted views of both proposed towers across the Lake (Bald Hill when looking East and Richards Road when looking West);
- The great height of the proposed towers;
- The proximity of the proposed towers to the Lake;
- The direct East West sightlines from the residences, meaning that the sun will rise behind the Richards Road tower and set behind the Bald Hill tower, where a person's gaze is naturally directed;
- The ridgeline placement of the proposed towers making their appearance especially stark, as the backdrop is open skyline as opposed to a hillside or vegetation.

In short, we will be looking directly at these towers all day every day, in all four seasons, from our homes and Lake. We note in passing that is also true from many locations on North Spectacle Lake, into which South Spectacle Lake flows.

The lake is accessible to the public and many local people come to enjoy swimming, paddling and year-round fishing. The Lake, a vestige of the last ice age, is spring and rainwater fed, and is a true oasis of natural beauty and tranquility, even in an area dedicated to these qualities. We are all long-term 20 to 30 plus year residents of the Lake and view ourselves as stewards, spending a great deal of time, money and energy to monitor water quality and police invasive species to allow natural vegetation and fauna to thrive.

To understand what is at stake and the dramatic impact of the proposed towers it is essential to view the site first hand. Given this, we were extremely-distressed when we learned that the Siting Council was departing from its uniform precedent of conducting a site visit enables them to fully understand the environmental impact of the proposed towers.

We are quite frankly heart-broken at the prospect of a tower being erected at either location and forever disturbing the ridgeline views from the Lake and our community.

With this background, we are writing this letter to express our support for the positions taken and arguments made in the filing by Planned Development Alliance of Northwest CT, Inc. in the above Docket 488, which we summarize as follows:

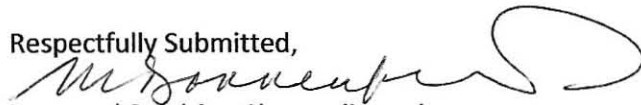
- Due to the limited number of residents served and miles of Route 341 covered by the proposed towers, the public need of the proposed towers is outweighed by the environmental harm due to their location on highly visible ridgelines, dramatic local and long range viewshed impacts and their locations close to residences. This is especially true where a viable "small-cell" solution exists to provide better coverage of Route 341 and its vicinity.
- Dramatically shorter towers, as short as 80 feet, provide substantially the same coverage as the proposed 154 foot towers, and if these shorter towers were camouflaged as trees the view shed impact would be substantially reduced. If a tower is to be approved, the shortest possible tower should be approved and required to be camouflaged as a tree.

We have attached photographs of a balloon float test showing the differences in view shed impact of the different tower heights.

In addition, as a group we believe the proposed Bald Hill tower is the greater of two great evils for the Lake, [even though some of our group are more impacted by the Richards Road tower], and would ask that, if a tower is sited, it not be sited on Bald Hill.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lopo and Sandrine Champalimaud
Jack Criner and Frank Hemlin
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Leslie and Todd Powell
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Lisa and Matt Sippel
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