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TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 407** - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 77-145 Pleasant Point Road, Branford, Connecticut.

Comments have been received from the State of Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, dated December 16, 2010. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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Enclosure

c: Council Members

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Janet P. Brooks

RE: Docket #407, Proposed Telecommunications Facility at 77-145 Pleasant Point Rd. in Branford

Liz Clark

Dear Chairman Caruso:

Bruce R. Fernandez

I am writing in response to the Siting Council's solicitation of written comments and consultation regarding Docket #407. The CEQ offers two recommendations.

Karyl Lee Hall

1. There is a need for photo simulation of the tower as it will appear from Long Island Sound.

John M. Mandyck

Ninety-one percent of the area that will have year round visibility of the tower is in Long Island Sound. The tower will be very visible from the photo simulations view-points (5, 6, 7, and 8) that are closest to the shoreline. The unresolved question is the extent to which distance will diminish the presence of the tower when viewed from off-shore locations, which include the Thimble Islands.

Richard Sherman

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Karl J. Wagener
Executive Director

The Long Island Sound is a recreational and scenic resource enjoyed by boaters and sportsmen of many states. Its waters and shoreline are protected under the Connecticut Coastal Management Act (CGS 22a-90). A case like this must surely be the circumstance the Siting Council had in mind in drafting its Application Guideline item **V. G. 5**, which requests "if proposed in close proximity to a shoreline, including lakes and rivers, photographic documentation from open waters, where possible."

2. There are two other areas of scenic and recreational importance in need of special consideration.

The application identifies more than half a mile of Route 146, a state scenic road, as having seasonal views of the proposed tower. It also identifies over a quarter of a mile of the Pine Orchard Trail from which the proposed tower would be visible. This is part of a trail that runs from Hammonasset in Madison all the way to Light

House Point in New Haven. Given the scenic sensitivity of these locations, the CEQ recommends that the Siting Council consider a recommendation that the tower, if approved, utilize the less disruptive, stealth "mono tower" design that has been proposed for locations in Redding and New Canaan (Dockets 404 and 401).

Thank you for consideration of these recommendations. I would be pleased to answer any questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,


Karl J. Wagener
Executive Director

CC: Amey Marrella, Commissioner of Environmental Protection
Linda Roberts, Executive Director, Connecticut Siting Council