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DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MA*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 442** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 284 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.

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During a meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on January 23, 2014, the Council, on its own motion, voted to reopen the evidentiary record for the above-referenced proceeding.

An additional public hearing will be held on this matter commencing at 1 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 in Hearing Room Two at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Additional comments dated March 27, 2014 have been received from the State Historic Preservation Office, a copy of which is attached.

Parties and intervenors are requested to file additional pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories on or before Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Thank you.



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Subject: Proposed Telecommunications Tower  
284 New Canaan Avenue (adjacent Merritt Parkway)  
Norwalk, CT  
Docket No. 442

Dear Mr. Fisher:

The State Historic Preservation Office is in receipt of the proposal for the above-referenced project, submitted for review and comment pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act and in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations.

This office met with Michael Libertine, All-Points Technology (AT&T historic consultant) and Christopher B. Fisher, Esq., (Cuddy & Feder) on March 20, 2014 to discuss and clarify this office's 2011 determination of "conditional no adverse effect" for two 140' monopole towers with interior antennas proposed for the National Register for Historic Places Merritt Parkway. It was introduced to our office that AT&T could also consider a single 130' monopole with exterior antennas instead of two 140' monopole towers and still meet their requirements in providing service to that area of Connecticut. This office appreciates the flexibility by AT&T in providing multiple options. After consultation with the Merritt Parkway Conservancy, this office prefers the two 140' monopole towers option.

That said, it should be noted that this office considers the Merritt Parkway a single resource on the National Register for Historic Places and as such there is a cumulative effect that cell towers have on the property, even though the property encompasses multiple municipalities. Furthermore, in this particular case, two wider 140' monopole towers are indeed less destructive to the historic character of the Merritt Parkway than a single monopole with exterior antennas due to the low-profile platforms which are required for the external antennas. These platforms generate a visual mass that two monopoles with internal antennas do not.

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