



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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Petition No. 284  
Staff Report  
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RE: PETITION NO. 284 - Metro Mobile CTS of Fairfield County, Inc., petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of cellular telecommunications antennas and associated equipment on an existing water tank located at 177 West Rock Road, Norwalk, Connecticut.

On July 13, 1992, Chairman Mortimer A. Gelston of the Connecticut Siting Council, and Joel Rinebold of the Council's staff met James Walz, Blake Haskell, and Phillip Diana of Metro Mobile CTS of Fairfield County, Inc. (Metro Mobile) for a field review of this petition. Metro Mobile is petitioning the Council under the regulations of State Agencies 16-50j-38 through 40 for a declaratory ruling that the installation of certain cellular telecommunications antennas on the top and sides of an existing water tank and construction of an equipment building adjacent to the base of the water tank will not have a substantial adverse environmental effect and, therefore, does not require a Certificate of environmental compatibility and public need from the Council.

Metro Mobile proposes to install six panel antennas and two whip antennas on or around the top of water tank located at 77 West Rocks Road in Norwalk, Connecticut. Metro Mobile also proposes to construct a 14 foot by 40 foot equipment building within a fenced yard at the base of the water tank. The antennas will be attached directly to the water tank, which stands approximately 95 feet tall. The tops of the highest antennas will rise about 10 feet above the top of the water tank. Although the site and water tank are well screened by existing vegetation, Metro Mobile will plant trees between the building and West Rocks Road along the south side of the building, as requested by Town residents and the Norwalk Zoning Commission.

Metro Mobile has obtained a special permit from the Norwalk Zoning Commission for the proposed installation and operation of cellular equipment at the water tank site. A building permit has also been issued for the equipment building.

Metro Mobile contends that this project will have no effect on the ecology of the site, non-ionizing radio frequency will be far below the DEP State standard, the proposed installation will not increase noise levels at the site boundary by six decibels or more, and the site boundaries will not be expanded by the project.

In conclusion, Metro Mobile requests that the Council issue a determination that the proposed project will not have a substantial adverse environmental effect and, therefore, does not require a Certificate from the Council. Staff is in agreement with the contentions of Metro Mobile and recommends approval of this petition.