

Petition No. 1065
Crown Atlantic Company LLC
Chester, Connecticut
June 27, 2013

On May 23, 2013, Crown Atlantic Company LLC (Crown) submitted a petition to the Connecticut Siting Council, (Council) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the partial re-location of a tower facility access drive at 49 Wig Hill Road in Chester, Connecticut. On June 24, 2013, Council member Phil Ashton and Council staff member Robert Mercier met with Jennifer Young Gaudet of Crown at the site to discuss the petition.

Crown is the Certificate Holder of a 150-foot monopole telecommunications facility located on the Bruce Rayner property at 49 Wig Hill Road. The access drive to the facility originates off of a paved driveway on property at 39 Wig Hill Road, owned by Bernard and Hazel Negrelli, who are relatives of Bruce Rayner. In order to settle estate assets of both property owners, Crown proposes to relocate the portion of the access drive on the Negrelli property to property owned entirely by Rayner. Existing underground utilities on the Negrelli property would remain in place. The abandoned portion of the access driveway, 160 feet long, would be allowed to re-vegetate naturally.

The new portion of the driveway would extend from Wig Hill Road southward for 400 feet, within a narrow property access corridor, to the existing access drive where it enters the Rayner property from the Negrelli property. A portion of an existing stone wall near Wig Hill Road would be removed to accommodate the new driveway. The new driveway will have the visual appearance similar to other driveways on Wig Hill Road.

The re-located access road is located in a wooded, upland area and would require the removal of approximately 15-20 trees greater than six inches at breast height. The proposed access road re-location is not within an area delineated on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database (updated June 2013). Erosion and Sedimentation controls would be established during construction.



View north of proposed access drive location.