



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Melanie Bachman, Executive Director Connecticut
Siting Council
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DOCKET NO. 501 - 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 to be located at 106 Sharon Road, Salisbury, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality (“the Council”) offers the following comments with regard to Docket 501.

1. **Visibility**

The Petitioner notes that the proposed tower might be visible, both year-round and seasonally during leaf-off conditions, from a number of properties eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (“National Register”), including the host site - The Wake Robin Inn. In addition, the proposed facility would be located approximately 0.25 miles from St. Mary’s Catholic Church, which is eligible for listing on the National Register, and Lakeville Manor and the Lakeville Historic District, which are listed on the National Register and are within the “Area of Potential Effect- Visual Effects”. Additionally, the proposed facility would be prominently visible from State Route 41, a State-designated Scenic Route, Wononscopomuc Lake, and the properties along the Lake. Given the above factors, the Council asks whether the Applicant has investigated all possibilities that could minimize the tower’s visual impact. These include the possibilities of a location on the periphery of the area required for adequate coverage or methods to minimize the visual impact, such as a “monopine”. The Council recommends that best management practices be employed to minimize the visual impact of a telecommunications facility in this area, and that any telecommunications facility that is constructed, be no taller than necessary to provide coverage.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please do not hesitate to contact the Council if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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