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DOCKET NO. 517 – MCM Holdings, LLC (Applicant) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Boy Scouts of America Camp Hoyt, 288 Simpaug Turnpike (Parcel No. 12-29), Redding, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) offers the following comment regarding Docket 517.

Wetlands

The Applicant states that “a wetland delineation was conducted at the Parcel and identified two nearby freshwater wetlands, one approximately 48’ west of the proposed facility”. A review of Partial Site Plan, SP-2, indicates that the proposed lease area (near WF 1-10) and access road (near WF 1-7) would be even closer than 48 feet. The Council notes that the construction of the proposed facility would be considered a regulated activity, according to the Redding Inland Wetlands Regulations, since the proposed facility compound would be within 100 feet of Wetland 1. The Council recommends that the Applicant consider relocating the proposed facility compound and access road to maintain a 100-foot vegetated buffer between the proposed facility compound and access road and the nearby wetland (Wetland 1). The Council also recommends that the Applicant consider utilizing updated methods and techniques for minimizing erosion and sedimentation based on the best currently available technology, as identified in the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s (DEEP) draft Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Guidelines update.

The Council’s comment above addresses only certain elements of the materials provided by the Applicant at the time of the filing. Additional information can become evident through comments offered by other parties and during the Siting Council’s administrative hearing process. The absence of comment(s) by this Council about any Petition or Application, or any aspects thereof, may not be interpreted as an endorsement of a proposed project, or its components or that this Council might not have comments or concerns on more specific issues raised during the hearing process.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council’s comment.

Sincerely,

Paul Aresta, Executive Director