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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 22, 2021

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 506** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Forte:

In response to your request, at the December 21, 2021 public hearing, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50n and 4-177a, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted the City of Middletown Party status in Docket No. 506.

Please note that the Telecommunications Act of 1996, a law passed by Congress, restricts this Council's actions. For example, this Act prohibits any state or local government agency, including this Council, from regulating telecommunication towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with the FCC's regulations concerning such emissions. Also, this Act blocks state and local government agencies, such as this Council, from prohibiting personal wireless services for any town or area. Finally, this Act prohibits such state and local government agencies from unreasonably discriminating among wireless service providers. We ask that you please keep this in mind when preparing your case.

All filings submitted to the Council must consist of an original and 15 copies with the docket number, properly collated and paginated, and bound. In accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings be sent to siting.council@ct.gov.

The Council's preferred service to parties and intervenors is electronic mail. If you wish to receive hard copies of documents via regular mail, please notify the Council in writing. Parties and intervenors are required to serve all other parties and intervenors a copy of any material submitted in this docket, unless service is waived. A copy of the current service list can be found on the Council's website for this proceeding.

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Copies of all documents filed to date in this proceeding are available for your review at the Council's office and on the Council's website under Pending Matters. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-16 of the Regulations Connecticut State Agencies, you or your representative are responsible for obtaining and reviewing all of the materials for the proceeding. Please contact me if you require any further information regarding the Council's procedure.

Sincerely,



Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated December 21, 2021