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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: **Docket No. 507 - Application Of Homeland Towers, LLC For A Certificate Of Environmental Compatibility And Public Need For The Construction, Maintenance And Operation Of A Wireless Telecommunications Facility At 222 Clintonville Road, North Branford, Connecticut**

Dear Attorney Bachman:

Enclosed please find an original and fifteen (15) copies of the applicant's Notification Pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50i(e) which includes Letters of Support from the Town of North Branford Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Board of Fire Commissioners, and Emergency Service Communications Consultant.

Sincerely,

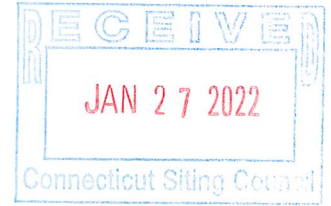


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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL



IN RE: :
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APPLICATION OF HOMELAND TOWERS, : DOCKET NO. 507
LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF : :
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND : :
PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, : :
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A : :
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS : :
FACILITY AT 222 CLINTONVILLE ROAD, : :
NORTH BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT : JANUARY 27, 2022

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 16-50l(e)

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50l(e), attached are comments Homeland Towers, LLC (“Homeland”) received from the Town of North Branford (“Town”) in connection with the development of a proposed wireless telecommunications facility at 222 Clintonville Road in North Branford, Connecticut (the “Northford 2 Facility”). These materials include:

1. A letter of support for the construction of the Northford 2 Facility from Kevin Halloran, Chief of Police for the Town. In this letter Chief Halloran describes the Town’s need for improved emergency service communications in the Northford area and the benefits provided by the proposed Homeland tower at 222 Clintonville Road.
2. A letter of support for the construction of the Northford 2 Facility from William Seward III, Fire Chief for the Town. In this letter Chief Seward describes the Town’s need for improved emergency service communications as a “life safety issue”. Chief Seward, working with the Town’s radio consultant, determined that the Town is in need of at least two new tower locations, one in the Northford area

and one in North Branford. The Homeland tower will help the Town “enhance its public safety communications infrastructure and elevate the level of safety provided to [the Town’s] first responders”.

3. A letter of support for the construction of the Northford 2 Facility from Eddie Prunier, Chairman of the North Branford Board of Fire Commissioners (the “Board”). In this letter Mr. Prunier expresses the Board’s “full support” for the Homeland tower in Northford. Like Chief Seward, the Board recognizes that the wireless and emergency service communications in the Northford area is currently inadequate and in need of improvement. The Homeland tower will “greatly improve [the Town’s]...ability to respond in a timely, efficient manner when the need arises.”
4. A letter of support from Paul Zito of New England Radio Consultants LLC. Mr. Zito is a communications consultant hired by the Town to assist in its effort to improve emergency service communications and other wireless services in Town. Mr. Zito confirms in his letter that “the Town’s antennas mounted at the top (110’) [of the tower] will provide enhanced communications coverage to the Town”.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMELAND TOWERS, LLC

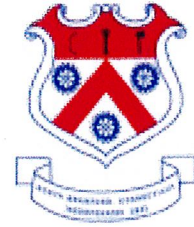
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**Town of North Branford, Connecticut
Board of Fire Commissioners**

909 Foxon Road
North Branford, CT 06471



July 7, 2021

Mr. Raymond Vergati, Regional Manager
Homeland Towers, LLC
9 Harmony Street, 2nd Floor
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear Mr. Vergati,

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Town of North Branford, Connecticut, I am writing this letter to express the Commission's full support for the construction of a telecommunications tower in Northford, Connecticut.

For many years, radio communications in both North Branford and Northford have been less than adequate. There are many "dead zones" throughout the town which can be detrimental with regard to 911 calls, to the emergency personnel who respond to the calls and most important, to the residents of North Branford and Northford. Reliable radio communications is of the utmost importance to the Commission to ensure the safety of the taxpayers and responders alike.

The installation of a radio tower with the proper capacities to handle the new radios will greatly improve our ability to respond in a timely, efficient manner when the need arises.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Prunier
Chairman, Fire Commission

North Branford Police Department
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Northford, CT 06472
Tel. (203) 484-2703



July 13, 2021

Chief Kevin Halloran

Mr. Raymond Vergati, Regional Manager
Homeland Towers, LLC
9 Harmony Street, 2nd Floor
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear Mr. Vergati,

On behalf of the North Branford Police Department, the Board of Police Commissioners, and the North Branford Public Safety Communications Committee, I write this letter of support for the construction of a cellular tower at the proposed site address of 222 Clintonville Road, Northford, CT. We are pleased that Homeland Towers will provide space on this proposed tower to the Town of North Branford for radio equipment which supports our public safety radio network.

The North Branford Police Department is responsible for town wide public safety radio communications and is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the Town of North Branford, which fields all 911 calls and routine calls for service. The PSAP is responsible for radio dispatch of first responders, including Police, Fire, EMS and DPW.

The town has been struggling with the poor quality of the current radio system which has many areas in town where there is little to no radio coverage to and from the dispatch center and first responder personnel. There have been attempts in the past to improve the radio coverage in certain areas of the town, including the village of Northford that never provided a complete solution. Although attempts to correct the problem have been made, the police and fire departments continue to report similar problems with the radio system as reported in an analysis report conducted by Radio Communications Associates in 2005.

The Town of North Branford hired a radio consultant who recommended that North Branford participate in the Connecticut, the Connecticut Land Mobil Radio Network (CLMRN). Many scenarios were analyzed to determine the best radio coverage by producing coverage maps. Based on the location of Homeland Towers proposed site, it provides significantly better radio coverage than our current system as well as better coverage than other locations that were researched.

With the combination of participating on the CLMRN and space provided on Homeland Towers proposed tower for North Branford's radio equipment will provide North Branford's first responders and public works department with a reliable and superior public safety radio network.

I would like to thank you in advance for providing space on the proposed tower and your commitment to ensure first responders are provided with a safe reliable radio system.

Best Regards,

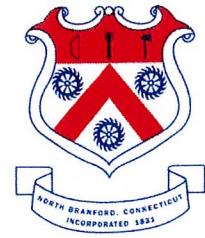
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Halloran".

Kevin Halloran
Chief of Police



**Town of North Branford, Connecticut
Department of Fire Service**

909 Foxon Road
North Branford, CT 06471



July 6, 2021

Mr. Raymond Vergati, Regional Manager
Homeland Towers, LLC
9 Harmony Street, 2nd Floor
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear Mr. Vergati,

As Fire Chief for the Town of North Branford, CT., I am writing this letter to support the construction of a telecommunications tower in North Branford, Connecticut. As a resident of this community, I fully understand that there may be concerns expressed by citizens toward such a project, but I must consider public safety as my priority in supporting this endeavor.

The fire department's radio system currently utilizes a 3-point VHF simulcast system with 2 additional satellite receivers to transmit and receive vital information to and from our dispatch center. Responsible for the provisions of fire protection and delivering emergency medical services to our citizenry, our personnel must have reliable technology that includes radio and cellular communications. Based upon the topography of this town and our current system, communications between dispatch, apparatus and personnel is often less than adequate. This is a life safety issue. An industry standard in today's fire service also involves the use of mobile display terminals or tablets to receive incident information. These devices are cellular based and with the lack of connectivity in many parts of town, this vital resource becomes compromised.

As part of the Nbfd quality improvement plan, we have joined forces with the police and public works department to upgrade our public safety communications system by migrating to the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN). Based upon a report provided by the town's radio consultant, to move to the CLMRN, communication towers are needed in at least two locations - one in Northford and a second in North Branford. The construction of these supporting structures will allow the town to enhance its public safety communications infrastructure and elevate the level of safety provided to our first responders.

More importantly, this project will greatly improve cellular service in town for all users. This means if a person has an emergency and dials or sends a text message to 911, they will reach a

public safety answering point. Moreover, we support any project that is available at no cost to the town and supports our mission. It is critical that public safety communication antennas are permitted access to the highest point on any tower which will greatly enhance fire and EMS operations.

Finally, continuously faced with changes in technology, a new and reliable public safety communications network such as the CT Land Mobile Radio Network, becomes the lifeline for first responders. Uninterrupted, redundant, and monitored radio infrastructure are technologies available to communities that engage in the CLMRN. However, without new towers, the system will be ineffective for this community.

In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter of support and look forward to a new and improved town-wide public safety communications system.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Seward, III

Fire Chief

Raymond Vergati, Regional Manager
Homeland Towers, LLC
9 Harmony Street, 2nd Floor
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear Mr. Vergati,

The Town of North Branford is in the process of upgrading its first responder public safety communications system. The present system is quickly approaching end of life and soon will be no longer supported by the manufacturer. The present system also suffers from areas of poor coverage and therefore is no longer suited for public safety use.

New England Radio Consultants is recommending to the Town that the proposed tower to be constructed by Homeland Towers in the Northford area of town be utilized for the new communications system. Using computer modeling, we have determined this Tower, with the towns antennas mounted at the top (110') will provide enhanced communications coverage to the Town.

It is my understanding the Town will be provided antenna mounting space as well as sufficient ground space to install its communications equipment at this proposed site.

New England Radio Consultants supports this structure at this location as a significant enhancement to the Town of North Branford's public safety communications system.

Sincerely,

Paul Zito
New England Radio Consultants LLC