

# **ATTACHMENT 10**



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**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Tara Carr  
First Selectwoman  
Town of Brookfield  
100 Pocono Road  
Brookfield, CT 06804

Re: Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC (“AT&T”)  
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility  
60 Vale Road, Brookfield, Connecticut

Dear First Selectwoman Carr:

This letter is submitted to you on behalf of Homeland Towers, LLC (“Homeland Towers”) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) with respect to the above referenced matter involving a proposed wireless telecommunication tower facility to be located at 60 Vale Road in the Town of Brookfield. The purpose of this letter is to commence a formal consultation process with you and other Town officials prior to any application being filed by Homeland Towers and AT&T with the Connecticut Siting Council. Enclosed you will find a detailed Technical Report prepared by Homeland Towers and AT&T which includes information on AT&T’s need for the new tower, alternatives evaluated, and the environmental effects of the project as identified at this time.

**Background and Need for the Tower**

Homeland Towers is an innovative company that provides wireless infrastructure solutions to meet the wireless communication needs of communities. Homeland Towers works closely with municipalities, commercial wireless carriers and public safety agencies and has installed numerous facilities (communications towers, antennas, and supporting equipment shelters and other infrastructure) throughout Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. This project is a result of years of review by both Homeland Towers and AT&T to provide reliable wireless services to the southern portion of the Town.

As you probably know through your own experience, the exponential growth in consumer use of mobile data and overall network demands requires the development of additional wireless infrastructure to reliably serve the public. Indeed, the pandemic underscored the importance of reliable wireless service. As shown in the Technical Report materials including data from AT&T, this proposed tower facility would provide reliable 4G LTE service to over 1,500 residents in the area and several miles of main and secondary roads. AT&T will also deploy FirstNet services from this facility. FirstNet is a nationwide broadband public safety network built specifically to meet the communications needs of first responders. And, as you may know, the Town will also locate emergency communications equipment on the proposed tower Facility.



### The Tower Project

For this project, Homeland Towers collaborated with AT&T and is proposing a new tower at 60 Vale Road to meet AT&T's and other FCC wireless carriers' need for new infrastructure to reliably serve the public in the immediate area. Homeland Towers would own, maintain and operate the tower facility subject to any approval the Connecticut Siting Council may issue for the project. The project as currently proposed would consist of a 165' tall monopole structure within a fenced compound in the norther portion of the approximately 3.99 acre parcel.

AT&T's antennas would be placed at a centerline height of 161' with equipment installed at grade within the compound. The Town proposes to install two whip antennas and a dish antenna at the top of the proposed monopole and locate equipment within the fenced equipment compound for emergency communications. The tower and fenced compound are designed to support the antennas and equipment of other FCC licensed wireless carriers. The facility will be unmanned with no sanitary or water facilities and will generate an average of one vehicle trip per month by each carrier at the site, consisting of a service technician in a light duty van or truck.

### State Siting Council - Balance Of Need With Environmental Impact

Connecticut State policy generally recognizes the need for new towers to serve the public and has designated the Connecticut Siting Council as the state agency with responsibility for reviewing and approving specific tower proposals. The Siting Council will evaluate this project once an application is filed with the agency. The Siting Council's evaluation is focused on balancing the need for a tower on a case by case basis with any significant adverse environmental impacts. Jurisdiction over any proposed cellular telecommunications facility rests exclusively with the Siting Council and would be in lieu of local zoning, wetlands and other types of municipal land use review and approvals.

### Town Input & Procedural Next Steps

Homeland Towers and AT&T are providing the enclosed Technical Report to the Town of Brookfield in accordance with Section 16-50l of the Connecticut General Statutes. The statute requires consultation with a municipality in which a tower facility is proposed prior to submission of an application with the Siting Council. The purpose of the local consultation is to give the municipality in which the facility has been proposed an opportunity to provide the prospective applicant with any recommendations or preferences it may have prior to the filing of an application with the Siting Council.

Upon review of Section 16-50l(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes, you will note that municipalities also have the option of conducting a noticed public information session on any proposed wireless telecommunications tower facility. State law requires any such information session to be held by the Town during the first 60 days of the 90-day period afforded to the municipalities for consultation with a prospective Siting Council applicant. As such, should Brookfield elect to conduct a public information meeting regarding this project, it should occur on or before June 14, 2022. For such public information sessions, our typical practice is for



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introductions to be made by a municipal official, have the project team make a presentation (usually a power point) and then respond to public questions moderated by a local official or agency.

In advance, we thank you for your consideration and will follow this correspondence with a call to your office to discuss next steps regarding the municipal consultation process. We look forward to meeting with you further on this project and learning more about Brookfield's interests, concerns and any recommendations prior to filing an application with the Siting Council.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucia Chiochio".

Lucia Chiochio

Enclosure

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