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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 2, 2024

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 513** - The Towers LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Parcel No. 258-10C-001, Mason Hill Road, Litchfield, Connecticut.
Development and Management Plan Interrogatories.

Dear A.J. DeSantis:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than August 16, 2024.

Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests 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. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the August 16, 2024 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: Service List, dated April 11, 2023

Docket No. 513
The Towers LLC
Parcel No. 258-10C-001, Mason Hill Road, Litchfield

Development & Management (D&M) Plan
Interrogatories

1. Has Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) committed to installing equipment at the site? When will equipment installation occur?
2. Provide a timeframe for site construction.
3. The geotechnical report indicates the presence of shallow bedrock at the site and that blasting may be required. Does The Towers intend to conduct blasting at the site? If yes, submit a blasting plan that includes work procedures and municipal notifications.
4. The geotechnical report (p. 7) recommends an engineer be on-site to monitor the foundation excavation and preparation. Does The Towers intend to follow this recommendation?
5. Condition 2(c) of the Council's June 22, 2023 Decision and Order requires a yield point on the tower to ensure that the tower does not encroach upon the adjacent Eversource Energy electric transmission line right-of-way. The tower structural design prepared by Sabre Industries does not include the yield point information. Clarify.
6. The tower structural design prepared by Sabre Industries shows dish antennas at the 64-foot level of the tower. What entity may locate dish antennas at this level?
7. D&M Plan Site Plan Sheet C-3 indicates the entire access drive will be paved. What is the reason gravel cannot be used on the lower portion, as originally contemplated?
8. D&M Site Plan C-2 depicts erosion and sediment control barriers extending onto the Eversource right-of-way. Would clearing and grubbing occur in this area? Is consultation with Eversource required for this work?
9. What is the estimate of cut and fill in cubic yards for the project? If there is excess cut, where will it be disposed of?
10. Referencing D&M Plan Site Plan Sheet C-5:
 - a. General Construction Sequence note 3 describes a soil stockpile. Where will the stockpile be located?
 - b. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Sequence note 5, will the Town be signing off on site stabilization? If not, who will verify the site has been stabilized?
 - c. How will the infiltration basin filter media be protected from sedimentation during tower foundation and compound construction? Describe procedures for cleaning the filter media.



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DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE

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Application received	03/01/2023
Completeness review	03/16/2023
Council Interrogatories	
• Set-One Filed	03/20/2023
• Set-One responses due	04/10/2023
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	03/29/2023
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	04/20/2023
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and Responses to Interrogatories	04/27/2023
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	04/27/2023
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 513 project webpage for Zoom conferencing log in/call in)</i>	05/04/2023
Close of Evidentiary Record	05/04/2023
Close of Public Comment Period	06/03/2023
Draft Findings of Fact	06/08/2023
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	06/22/2023
Deadline for Decision	07/29/2023
Final Decision	06/23/2023
Development and Management (D&M) Plan received	07/24/2024
Council Interrogatories	
• Set-One Filed	08/02/2024
• Set-One responses due	08/16/2024
Deadline for Decision for D&M Plan	09/22/2024

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier