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re: Docket no. 543- The Towers, LLC application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 17 Warren Road, Washington (New Preston), Connecticut

Dear Vice Chairman Morissette and Members of the Council:

With respect to the application referred to above, Steep Rock Association, Inc. ("Steep Rock") has intervened in opposition to the construction of a cell tower and associated infrastructure at 17 Warren Road, New Preston, Connecticut.

For over one hundred years, Steep Rock has been the steward of what has grown to be one of the largest public land preserves in Connecticut.¹ Steep Rock is a nationally accredited land trust and is responsible for four preserves (Steep Rock, Hidden Valley, Macricostas, and West Mountain) open to the public. Its mission is to protect and conserve ecologically and historically significant landscapes and riparian corridors in and around Washington, Connecticut, and to enhance the Community's connection to nature through outreach, education, and

¹ For a detailed history and description of Steep Rock, see "The History of Steep Rock Association, the Jewel In the Crown", by Carol Bergren Santoleri, 2020, printing and distribution rights licensed to Steep Rock.



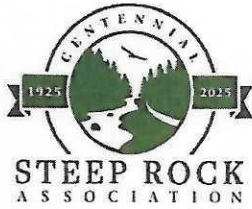
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passive recreation. Its preserves draw thousands of visitors each year and the bulk of its funding is derived from individual contributions. It is through the actions of these individual contributors that the crown of hemlock and North American pines and leafy oaks of these preserves, along with the associated wildlife and native plants, and the rivers that feed them, have been preserved and now define our town.

Steep Rock's preserves have offered the public a unique and precious natural resource where people can learn to understand and appreciate the natural world from which life on this planet has emerged and on which the culture of our society depends.

Each Steep Rock preserve is an organic whole; all of its wild parts, diverse species of vulnerable wildlife, birds and precious and untrammelled habitat, have intrinsic value. The continued existence of wild preserves depends entirely on the health and continued existence of each of its wild components, as well as on the value that we, as citizens, place on it.

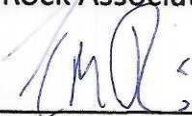
The proposed tower site is approximately one- and one-half miles from Macricostas, a primary Steep Rock preserve. As the expert testimony submitted in support of our intervention and that of other intervenors in opposition will demonstrate, Steep Rock has very real concerns that the Applicant for this proposed tower site has not adequately explored the impact that the development could have on our preserves' viewsheds, as well as on vulnerable groundwater resources and wildlife. We believe that other viable alternatives should be explored to provide any needed cell service to the area.



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On behalf of the trustees of Steep Rock, its staff and the many thousands of the public who have supported its conservation stewardship over one hundred years, Steep Rock requests that the Siting Council deny the application submitted by The Towers, LLC.

Respectfully,
Steep Rock Association, Inc.

By 
Thomas M. Rickart, President