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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail

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Re: **Docket No. 546 - Crown Castle Towers 06-2 LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of a Telecommunications Facility and Associated Equipment Located at 70 Universal Drive, North Haven, Connecticut**

Letter in Lieu of Post Hearing Brief

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On behalf of intervenor Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”), please accept this letter in lieu of a Post-Hearing Brief, in support of the above-referenced application for the construction, operation and maintenance of a wireless telecommunications facility at 70 Universal Drive, North Haven, Connecticut (the “Property”).

The Application

On October 18, 2025, Crown Castle Towers 06-2 LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) filed an application with the Siting Council (“Council”) for a Certificate of Environmental Capability and Public Need (the “Application”) to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at the Property (the “Facility”). On December 4, 2025, pursuant to RCSA Section 16-50j-15, Cellco filed a Request for Intervenor Status, which the Council approved on January 8, 2026.

Cellco intends to relocate and upgrade its equipment from Cellco’s existing wireless facility on a former railroad signal tower on a parcel at 100 Universal Drive, North Haven to the Facility. The Facility would provide Cellco customers and emergency service providers with continued wireless service coverage along Interstate 91, Route 103 (Quinnipiac Avenue), Route 17 (Middletown Avenue), and Route 5 (State Street) and capacity upgrades that will help avoid

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degrading coverage.

Site Search

Cellco established a site search when it was determined that, due to age and design, its existing facility located on the railroad signal tower at 100 Universal Drive could not support the addition of equipment needed to add its C-band and 5G frequencies. Cellco determined that the Facility and available heights would ensure continuation of the service currently provided by the existing railroad signal tower location and allow for the addition of equipment needed for additional frequencies, which will help avoid degrading coverage due to inability to install upgrades on the existing railroad signal tower.

Public Need

The unrefuted evidence in Docket No. 546 reflects that the Facility will provide coverage to Cellco customers and emergency service along Interstate 91, Route 103 (Quinnipiac Avenue), Route 17 (Middletown Avenue), and Route 5 (State Street). The Facility will also allow Cellco to install equipment upgrades to provide additional capacity support that the existing railroad signal tower cannot provide.

Emergency Backup Power

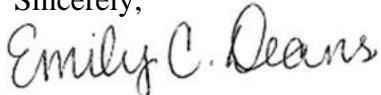
Cellco's proposed installation of an on-site battery system and 50 kW diesel generator is consistent with policies emphasizing continuity following storm events and other emergencies resulting in the loss of power. Cellco's backup battery system can power its equipment for up to 8 hours before recharging is required. The proposed 50kW diesel generator can run for approximately 50 hours before refueling is required. The proposed generator has a spill containment system built into its fuel storage tank to prevent spills. Although natural gas is available along Universal Drive, Cellco's preference is to install a diesel generator due to increasingly common delays, increased costs, and other issues related to the installation of natural gas service, including costs and delays related to site preparation, gas line interconnection, and related easement and legal fees. The use of a diesel generator will allow Cellco to ensure the Facility is constructed and activated as quickly as possible with reliable back up power.

Conclusion

The unrefuted evidence in the record clearly demonstrates that there is a need for the Facility and that the improved service from the Facility will significantly benefit people in the North Haven, Hamden, New Haven, and East Haven communities. Cellco respectfully requests

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that the Council issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

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