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**VIA ELECTRONIC 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. **Council Interrogatories to Joint Applicants.**

Dear Attorneys Regan and Pare:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than January 27, 2026.

Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto: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 January 27, 2026 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

Enclosure: Revised Schedule dated January 9, 2026  
c: Service List dated January 8, 2026



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**REVISED SCHEDULE**

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Application received	10/18/2025
Completeness review	11/13/2025
Council Interrogatories to Applicant <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issued</li><li>• Responses due</li></ul>	01/09/2026 01/27/2026
Council Interrogatories to other parties, intervenors, and/or CEPA intervenors <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issued</li><li>• Responses due</li></ul>	01/09/2026 01/27/2026
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	01/14/2026
<b>Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors</b>	01/20/2026
<b>Deadline for pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories</b>	01/27/2026
Deadline for State Agency Comments	01/27/2026
Deadline for Municipal Comments	01/27/2026
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/27/2026
<b>Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing</b> <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 546 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	<b>02/03/2026</b>
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	TBD
Deadline for Party and Intervenor Post Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	TBD
Close of Public Comment Period	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD
<b>Deadline for Final Decision</b>	<b>03/27/2026</b>

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

**Docket No. 546**  
**70 Universal Drive, North Haven, Connecticut**

**Crown Castle Towers 06-2 LLC & New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T**  
**Pre-Hearing Interrogatories**

**Notice**

1. Referencing Application Attachment 24, of the letters sent to abutting property owners, how many certified mail receipts were received? If any receipts were not returned, which owners did not receive their notice? Were any additional attempts made to contact those property owners?

**Existing Facility and Site**

2. Referencing Application p. 12, when did Crown Castle Towers 06-2 LLC (Crown) become aware of the need to decommission its existing 120 Universal Drive facility?
3. Provide a list of the tenants and associated antenna heights on the existing tower.
4. Does the existing facility have to be removed prior to the expiration of the lease at 120 Universal Drive? Is there an option for a temporary extension?
5. If the proposed facility is approved, would the existing 120 Universal Drive facility remain in service until the new facility with AT&T antennas is on-air to maintain continuity of service? If not, would AT&T require any temporary wireless telecommunications facilities to maintain continuity of service in the interim? Explain.

**Site Search**

6. Referencing Application p. 12, did Crown and AT&T each initiate a separate site search or was the site search a collaborative effort? When did the site search begin?
7. Referencing Application p. 12, were any other sites examined for telecommunications use? If yes, provide site locations and reasons for rejection.
8. Referencing Application Attachment 15, an existing tower is shown at 90 Universal Drive.
  - a) is the tower located at 90 Universal Drive or 100 Universal Drive?
  - b) what is the height of the tower?
  - c) What is the distance between the tower and the proposed tower?
  - d) is the tower suitable to host AT&T's equipment and provide coverage to the area?
  - e) is the 90 Universal Drive or 100 Universal Drive parcel a feasible alternative? Explain.
9. Did AT&T examine any electric transmission line structures and/or non-tower antenna array sites, including, but not limited to rooftops and steeples, in the area with coverage need? List what structures were considered and why they were rejected.
10. Are small cells a feasible alternative to a new tower? Estimate the number of pole-mounted small cells that would be required for reliable service within the proposed service area. Would certain frequencies be limited through the use of small cells? What would be the cost of each small cell for both the use of existing utility poles and new poles specific for small cells. What type of equipment would be attached to each pole?

### **Proposed Site**

11. Pursuant to CGS §16-50o, submit a copy of the unredacted lease for the proposed site. A Motion for Protective Order may be filed for any proprietary/confidential information.
12. Referencing Application Attachment 1, provide a revised aerial image showing the location of the proposed site and the existing site.
13. Was an environmental site assessment conducted within the proposed limits of disturbances (e.g. Phase 1, Phase 2)? If yes, summarize the findings. If not, would one be conducted?
14. Referencing Application Attachment 7 – Sheet SP-1, where would the 125 cubic yards of excavated material be disposed of? Would this material be tested to determine waste characterization prior to disposal?
15. What is the distance of the proposed tower to the nearest publicly accessible area on the host parcel?
16. What is the distance of the tower to the nearest portion of active railroad tracks?

### **Proposed Facility and Associated Equipment**

17. Is the facility, or any portion of the facility, proposed to be undertaken by state departments, institutions or agencies, or to be funded in whole or in part by the state through any contract or grant?
18. How is the construction cost of the facility recovered for both Crown and AT&T?
19. Would the tower require regular maintenance? If yes, approximately how often and at what cost?
20. What is the applicable structural design standard and maximum wind speed tolerance for the antennas/antenna mounts on the proposed tower?
21. What are the proposed construction hours and days of the week?
22. Referencing Application Attachment 7 – Sheet CP-1, utility connection, what is the approximate height of the proposed utility pole above grade?
23. Referencing Application p. 6 and Attachment 7, has T-Mobile expressed interest in relocating its facility from the 120 Universal Drive facility to the proposed 70 Universal Drive facility? At what anticipated height?

### **Proposed Wireless Services – AT&T**

24. Referencing Application Attachment 17, Table 1, what are the “main” roads that would benefit from the proposed facility?
25. Application Attachment 17 indicates other frequencies will be installed in addition to the 700 MHz frequency. Does the 700 MHz frequency act as the “base frequency” of the network where most of the wireless traffic occurs? How do the other frequencies interact in AT&T’s wireless system?

26. Referencing Application Attachment 17, p. 2, it states 5G is being selectively rolled out on available frequencies. What frequencies will have 5G services at the time of AT&T's deployment?
27. Would the proposed facility provide capacity relief to adjacent AT&T sites? If yes, provide information tower, sector, and frequency.
28. Would flush-mounted antennas provide the required coverage? Would the flush-mount configuration result in reduced coverage and/or necessitate greater antenna height with multiple levels of antennas? Explain.
29. Can coverage objectives be met by installing antennas at a lower tower height? Identify the lowest possible antenna height and describe how this height would affect coverage needs and/or capacity relief within the service area.

### **Emergency Backup Power**

30. Is natural gas service available along Universal Drive? If yes, is it possible to tie into the existing service as a fuel source for the proposed backup generator? If yes, approximately what would the incremental cost to Crown/AT&T to connect to existing natural gas service?
31. Would the proposed backup generator be managed to comply with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 22a-174-3b?

### **Public Health and Safety**

32. What measures are proposed for the site to ensure security and deter vandalism? (Including alarms, gates, locks, anti-climb fence design, etc.)
33. How would the site be secured during construction to ensure public safety?
34. Pursuant to CGS §16-50p(a)(3)(G), identify the safety standards and/or codes by which equipment, machinery or technology that would be used or operated at the proposed facility.
35. Is night lighting proposed for the ground equipment at the facility? If so, for what purpose, and what type would be installed?
36. Referencing Application Attachment 7 – Sheet SP-1, would the tower be designed with a pre-engineered yield point to ensure the tower setback radius remains on the host parcel?
37. In the event of a fire at the proposed facility, how would the power be turned off to de-energize the facility? What fire safety and management systems would be employed at the site?

### **Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures**

38. Referencing Application Attachment 11 – Visibility Analysis, estimate the number of residences that may have seasonal and/or year-round views within 0.5 miles of the proposed tower.
39. Referencing Application Attachment 22, the State Historic Preservation Office letter dated May 19, 2025 references a 144-foot monopole. Clarify.

40. Referencing Application Attachment 11, of the predicted seasonal and year-round visibility, how much of that area has visibility of the existing tower?
41. Submit photographic site documentation with notations linked to the site plans or a detailed aerial image that identifies locations of site-specific and representative site features. The submission should include photographs of the site from public road(s) or publicly accessible area(s) as well as Site-specific locations depicting site features including, but not necessarily limited to, the following locations as applicable:

For each photo, please indicate the photo viewpoint direction and stake or flag the locations of site-specific and representative site features. Site-specific and representative site features include, but are not limited to, as applicable:

- a. wetlands, watercourses and vernal pools;
- b. forest/forest edge areas;
- c. agricultural soil areas;
- d. sloping terrain;
- e. proposed stormwater control features;
- f. nearest residences;
- g. Site access and interior access road(s);
- h. tower location/compound;
- i. clearing limits/property lines;
- j. mitigation areas; and
- k. any other noteworthy features relative to the Project.

A photolog graphic must accompany the submission, using a site plan or a detailed aerial image, depicting each numbered photograph for reference. For each photo, indicate the photo location number and viewpoint direction, and clearly identify the locations of site specific and representative site features shown (e.g., physical staking/flagging or other means of marking the subject area).

The submission shall be delivered electronically in a legible portable document format (PDF) with a maximum file size of <20MB. If necessary, multiple files may be submitted and clearly marked in terms of sequence.