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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 Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.**

Dear Attorney Schaefer and Attorney Deans:

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. 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman".

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"> • Issued • Responses due 	01/09/2026 01/27/2026
Council Interrogatories to other parties, intervenors, and/or CEPA intervenors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued • Responses due 	01/09/2026 01/27/2026
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	01/14/2026
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	01/20/2026
Deadline for pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	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
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 546 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	02/03/2026
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
Deadline for Final Decision	03/27/2026

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Docket No. 546
70 Universal Drive, North Haven, Connecticut
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Pre-Hearing Interrogatories

Site Search

1. Did Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) examine other alternative locations besides the proposed site? If yes, identify the locations and the reasons for their rejection. When did Cellco begin a site search in the area?
2. Are small cells a feasible alternative to Cellco's proposed installation on 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?
3. Referencing Cellco's Petition to intervene dated December 4, 2025,
 - a. confirm the address of Cellco's existing Universal Drive facility (former railroad signal tower).
 - b. What is the height of Cellco's existing facility?
 - c. Who owns the existing facility?
 - d. What structural issues are associated with the existing signal tower?
 - e. Provide a photograph of existing facility.
4. If the proposed facility is approved, would the existing Cellco facility remain in service until the new facility with Cellco antennas is on-air to maintain continuity of service? If not, would Cellco require any temporary wireless telecommunications facilities to maintain continuity of service in the interim?
5. If Cellco owns the existing facility, would it remove the tower once Cellco's equipment is operational on the proposed facility?
6. Provide an aerial image showing the location of the proposed site and Cellco's existing Universal Drive facility. What is the distance from Cellco's facility to the proposed facility?
7. Referencing Application Attachment 15, identify which adjacent facilities and any additional facilities that are not identified within the 4-mile radius upon which Cellco is currently located.

Proposed Facility and Associated Equipment

8. Provide information regarding Cellco's ground equipment.
9. Provide information regarding Cellco's tower-mounted equipment including, antenna height, number of antennas, associated equipment, and type of antenna mounts.
10. Provide a time frame as to when Cellco would locate its equipment on the tower after construction is complete.
11. What is the approximate cost of Cellco's proposed installation? How would the cost be recovered?

Proposed Wireless Services - Cellco

12. Describe Cellco’s wireless service objectives for the facility.
13. If 700 MHz service is being deployed, 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 Cellco’s wireless system?
14. Would any of the proposed frequencies provide 5G services?
15. Provide a table that lists Cellco’s proposed wireless service on area roads and land area, as represented in the example below:

Street Name	700 MHz	850 MHz	1900 MHz	2100 MHz	3700 MHz
Route 82	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.5
Route 154	2.6	2.6	2	1.5	2.5
Road Total	3.1	3.6	2.7	2.0	4.0
Overall Coverage Footprint (Square Miles)	1.0	3.5	2.0	0.7	4.5

16. Identify Cellco’s adjacent sites with which the proposed facility would hand off signals. Include the address, antenna height, structure type, and the distance/direction to each site.
17. Would the site provide capacity relief at adjacent Cellco facilities? If yes, identify the Cellco facilities and the frequencies and sectors at or near exhaustion that would benefit from capacity relief.
18. 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. What specific area requires the need for antennas at the proposed height?

Emergency Backup Power

19. Is an emergency backup power source (i.e. battery backup or a generator) proposed for the site? If yes, provide detail, backup power source and anticipated run time under full load conditions based on its battery or fuel tank capacity. If not, would a temporary generator be brought to the site?
20. What is the estimated run time of the proposed backup power source before it would require refueling/recharging?
21. Would a battery backup (if applicable) be used by Cellco to provide uninterrupted power? How long could the battery backup alone supply power to the facility?
22. Would the backup generator be managed to comply with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 22a-174-3b?

23. If natural gas service is available along Universal Drive, 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 Cellco to connect to existing natural gas service?

Public Health and Safety

24. 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 by Cellco.
25. Would Cellco's equipment support text-to-911 service? Is additional equipment required for this purpose?
26. Would Cellco's antennas comply with federal E911 requirements?
27. Would Cellco's installation comply with the intent of the Warning, Alert and Response Network Act of 2006?
28. Provide a Radio Frequency Emissions analysis using cumulative far-field worst-case modeling of radio frequency power density for Cellco and AT&T antennas (refer to Docket 546 Application Attachment 18).