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November 20, 2025

TO: Service List, dated October 28, 2025

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

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.

Comments have been received from the Council on Environmental Quality on November 19, 2025. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members
CGS §16-50j(i) State Agency Comment List (via electronic mail)



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Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) offers the following comment regarding Docket 546.

Alternatives and Visual Impact

The Applicants state that “Crown Castle began a review of other properties in the area near the Site to maintain the critical wireless communication services in the area. The search was limited to the area in the vicinity of the Existing Tower and in the commercial industrial zoning districts. Based on that review, Crown Castle determined there were no existing structures in the area near the Existing Tower which could accommodate the wireless carriers currently operating from the Existing Tower.” The Council notes that Figure 15 - Existing Adjacent Towers Map identifies a tower that is located at 90 Universal Drive in North Haven,¹ approximately 180 feet northeast of the existing tower at 120 Universal Drive. While the Applicants’ filing includes a brief discussion of technological alternatives, it is unclear if the Applicants conducted a thorough assessment of alternative sites in the vicinity of the proposed site, including the existing tower site at 90 Universal Drive. If so, would there be a meaningful reduction of the potential visual impact by having one tower, possibly extended to accommodate additional carriers and equipment, compared to having two towers in close proximity?

The Council’s comment above addresses only certain elements of the materials provided by the Applicants at the time of the filing. Additional information can become evident through comments offered by other parties and during the Siting Council’s administrative hearing process. The absence of comment(s) by this Council about any Petition or Application, or any aspects thereof, may not be interpreted as an endorsement of a proposed project, or its components or that this Council might not have comments or concerns on more specific issues raised during the hearing process.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council’s comment.

Sincerely,

¹ The tower was the subject of a “Notice of Exempt Modification” by Verizon Wireless in 2017 (EM-VER-101-180102) and more recently in 2023 (EM-VER-101-230911). Also identified on the Connecticut Siting Council website as 100 Universal Drive, North Haven.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Aresta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Paul Aresta
Executive Director