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RE: Docket #548 - Homeland Tower application on 42A Hidden Brook Drive

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

On behalf of my residents, I have been asked to bring up several issues on the proposed tower under Docket 548 that we request addressed and/or clarified.

The Town of Brookfield, an Intervenor in the above-referenced proceeding, respectfully requests that the Connecticut Siting Council develop and place in the record a Local Telecommunications Coverage Assessment for the Town pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50ff. Under § 16-50ff(a), Brookfield requests that the the Council develop a local telecommunications coverage assessment that identifies locations within the municipality that provide inconsistent or nonexistent telecommunications coverage and includes an analysis of existing and projected demand.

This request is submitted to ensure the docket record contains an objective, Council-developed assessment regarding coverage consistency in Brookfield: particularly in the areas relevant to the Application in Docket No. 548—so that any ultimate findings may be supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence on the whole record.

The Town further requests that the assessment be provided in a clear narrative and map-based format suitable for inclusion in the docket record, and that the Council obtains provider input as contemplated by § 16-50ff(b). If provider input is not provided or is incomplete, the Town respectfully requests the Council's guidance on what additional record evidence the Council would require to complete an objective assessment.

Please advise the Town regarding the anticipated timeframe and any preferred Town inputs (e.g., specific road corridors, neighborhoods, or municipal facilities experiencing inconsistent or nonexistent coverage) that would assist Council staff in preparing the assessment for inclusion in the docket record.

During the hearing, it was stated that the height of the tower was 185 feet. The documentation submitted by the applicant refers to a height of 175 feet. Can you have this clarified?

Additionally, Does the Council look to understand exactly how tall the tower needs to be to meet the needs of users? Is it possible for the tower to be lowered if that would still meet the needs of the cell companies?

There has been discussion of eagle nests being located within close proximity to the tower. Whose responsibility is it to determine if nests are in the area and, if you know, could you send me that contact information?

There is a cell tower on Wewaka Road in Bridgewater. Would coverage from that tower extend into Brookfield, and has a determination been made that it would or would not meet the needs of the Brookfield residents? If available, could you tell me how to obtain copies of the cell coverage maps for the Bridgewater Tower? Can you also tell me whether the Siting Council has considered, or will consider, how the coverage from that tower would affect the need for a tower in Brookfield?

ETI has developed technology that it believes can use existing towers to deliver service to the northeast portion of Brookfield using existing towers and possibly eliminating the need for a new tower at this location. Is the Council reviewing this offering to make a determination as to whether it could be a workable, efficient and capable method to provide additional service? What would be the process to analyze and determine if that is the case?

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'SD' or similar, written in a cursive style.