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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 9, 2020

David E. Cox  
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Town of East Hampton  
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 493** – Global Signal Acquisitions IV LLC and Crown Castle Towers 06-02 LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Lakeview Street, East Hampton, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Cox:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence dated October 8, 2020 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50l(b), a copy of the application is required to be submitted to the Town of East Hampton, for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

Please be advised that the Council cannot withhold action on this matter. Connecticut General Statutes §16-50m(c) requires the Council to mail notice of public hearings within one week of fixing the date. The Council fixed the date of the public hearing for the above-referenced matter during a regular meeting held on October 8, 2020. Notice must be mailed no later than October 15, 2020.

In the event that the Town of East Hampton does not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](http://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

MAB/laf

c: Council Members  
Service List, dated September 3, 2020



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VIA E-MAIL ONLY

October 8, 2020

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Re: Docket No. 493 – Global Signal Acquisitions IV LLC and Crown Castle Towers 06-02 LLC application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Lakeview Street, East Hampton, Connecticut.

Dear Executive Director Bachman,

The Town of East Hampton is in receipt of several documents and submissions related to the proposed tower facility to be located on a property off of Lakeview Street. From the beginning of discussions with representatives of the petitioner regarding the proposal, it was the Town's understanding that the new location was only needed due to the potential that the petitioner would not be able to reach a deal with the owner of the property on which the current tower facility is located to extend the lease agreement, which is expiring. While the Town recognizes the need for these facilities to provide telecommunication services to residents, visitors and businesses, the new location does not seem desirable due to its need for significant additional height, exposure to a number of residential properties that previously did not fall within the viewshed of a tower, and because this tower facility is not needed if the original site is maintained. Based on this last factor, the new location was not given significant consideration by the Town due to the strong likelihood that agreement would be reached to continue the facility on the existing location.

It is the Town's current understanding from the property owner on which the existing tower facility currently sits that an agreement has been reached with the petitioner to continue allowing the tower facility to be on the property. Further, it has been represented to the Town by the petitioner's representative that because an agreement has been reached to allow the current site to continue, the petitioner would be withdrawing the application for a new location. Based on the petitioner's representative's comments, he would be confirming the Town's understanding and would be withdrawing the request.



As such, on behalf of the Town and the impacted residents, I ask the Council to withhold action on this matter in order to allow the petitioner to withdraw the application or, in the alternative, for the Council to confirm whether an extension agreement has been reached. If such an agreement has been reached, there would be no identified public need for a second tower so close to the existing tower and, as such, no reason to approve the application. If not withdrawn, it should be denied.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David E. Cox  
Town Manager

cc: Town Council  
Jeremy DeCarli, Planning and Zoning Official  
Kenneth Baldwin, Robinson & Cole