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RE: **DOCKET NO. 499** – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 16 Coote Hill Road, Sherman, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Chiocchio:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than February 18, 2022.

Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to <u>siting.council@ct.gov</u>. 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 February 18, 2022 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,

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Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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Docket No. 499 Homeland Towers, LLC – Sherman CT

Development & Management (D&M) Plan Interrogatories

- 1. What is the status of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Stormwater Permit? When was the Stormwater Permit application filed with DEEP?
- 2. Referring to p. 2 of the D&M Plan, site clearing would occur between November 1 March 30 to protect bat species in accordance with the DEEP Natural Diversity Database letter dated January 9, 2021. If the Stormwater Permit authorization is not issued by March 30, 2022, when does Homeland anticipate starting construction? The Stormwater Permit application states *construction activity* cannot begin until issuance of the Stormwater Permit authorization. "*Construction activity*" means any activity and discharges associated with construction at a site or the site's preparation for construction, including, but not limited to, clearing, grubbing, pile driving, soil disturbance, soil compaction by construction equipment, staging and stockpiling, cleaning and washout, grading, excavation, and dewatering.
- 3. What type of temporary wetland crossings would be used for tree clearing/grubbing and grading operations prior to the installation of the permanent wetland crossing culverts? Revise the Site Plan to show this information.
- 4. Would the access drive be constructed in segments so that the first segment would be cleared, grubbed and graded before moving to the next segment? If so, revise the site plans to show the construction segments.
- 5. Provide more detail as to how stormwater runoff during construction (before the gravel base is installed) will be controlled along the access road from approximately Station 13.00 to Station 15.00 given that the slope in this area runs directly to the wetland crossing point.
- 6. Where would excavated stumps be disposed of? Where would excavated organics/unsuitable soils be disposed of?
- 7. What ground equipment/emergency power source is proposed for the Town and Litchfield County Dispatch?