

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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April 11, 2008

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Directo

RE:

DOCKET NO. 357 – Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Peck

Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

SDP/jb

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c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC





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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 29, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Danbury City Hall, Common Council Chambers, 3rd floor, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Peck Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Thursday, May 29, 2008, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-la of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Friday, May 9, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by May 22, 2008. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that 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.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before May 22, 2008.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the City Clerk's Office in the City of Danbury and the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of New Fairfield for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by Monday, May 12, 2008.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC

Its Representative

Julie D. Kohler, Esq. Carrie L. Larson, Esq. Cohen and Wolf, P.C. 1115 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06604

John Arthur Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC 270 North Avenue New Rochelle, NY 10801

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 357.

April 11, 2008

Connecticut Siting Council

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS $\underline{\text{SERVICE LIST}}$

	Status Holder	Representative
Status Granted	(name, address & phone number)	(name, address & phone number)
Applicant	Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC 270 North Avenue, Suite 809 New Rochelle, NY 10801	Julie Donaldson Kohler, Esq. Carrie Larson, Esq. Cohen and Wolf, P.C. P.O. Box 1821 Bridgeport, CT 06601-1821 (203)368-0211 John Arthur Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC 270 North Avenue, Suite 809 New Rochelle, NY 10801 914-712-0000
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Chairman April 11, 2008

The Honorable Mark D. Boughton Mayor City of Danbury City Hall 155 Deer Hill Avenue Danbury, CT 06810

RE:

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Dear Mayor Boughton:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing that is scheduled on Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

Once an application is filed with the Council at least one public hearing is held in the affected community as well as a public inspection of the proposed site. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms; municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director S. Derek Phelps (860 827-2935). In the event you have legal questions, please contact our Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi (860 827-2682).

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. It is important that we know the Town's views as part of that decision making process. We hope you will take part in our hearing process.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Caruso

Chairman

DFC/SDP/jb





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John Hodge First Selectman Town of Fairfield 4 Brush Hill Road New Fairfield, CT 06812

RE:

DOCKET NO. 357 – Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Peck Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Hodge:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your neighboring city in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

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TO:

Commissioner Gina McCarthy

Department of Environmental Protection

Commissioner J. Robert Galvin Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Joan McDonald
Department of Economic and Community Development

Arthur W. Gruhn, P.E.

Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations

Department of Transportation

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Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before May 22, 2008, will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501.

SDP/MP/jb

c: Parties & Intervenors Council Members



Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 357

Location: Margerie Reservoir Water Filtration Plant, Peck Road, Danbury, Connecticut

1.	Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?
	 X No Yes – Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.
2.	Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway
	 X No Yes – Identify specific needs and access location.
3.	Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.
	X NoYes – Please provide an area and site plan.
4.	Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?
	X NoYes – Please provide an area and site plan.



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TO:

Christopher B. Fisher, Esq.

Cuddy & Feder LP

Thomas J. Regan, Esq.

Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LP

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.

Robinson & Cole LLP

Michele G. Briggs

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Sandy M. Carter Verizon Wireless

Karina Fournier T-Mobile

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S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE:

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Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in Danbury.

If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response by or before May 22, 2008, will be appreciated. Moreover, in furtherance of the spirit of C.G.S. 16-50aa, we ask that each carrier affirmatively state whether that carrier would likely seek to be located on this proposed facility any time within the foreseeable future.

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Enclosure: Hearing Notice

c: Parties & Intervenors Council Members





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TO:

Classified/Legal Supervisor

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Danbury News Times 333 Main Street Danbury, CT 06810

FROM:

Jessica Brito, Office Assistant

RE:

DOCKET NO. 357 – Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Peck

Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than <u>TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE</u>. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to:

Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

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Jean Atale City Clerk Danbury City Hall 155 Deer Hill Avenue Danbury, CT 06810

RE:

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Dear Ms. Atale:

Confirming our telephone conversation of March 20, 2008, I appreciate the reservation of the Common Council Chambers, 3rd Floor at the Danbury City Hall for a public hearing on May 29, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Jessica Brito Office Assistant

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Seating Arrangements:

Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

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Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

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Party Table
(seating for three)
(x = chairs)

Podium for public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC (chairs facing Council table)



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Joseph Reese Tech Theatrical Services, LLC 98 Knight Street Watertown, CT 06795

RE:

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Dear Mr. Reese:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Thursday, May 29, 2008
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Danbury City Hall
Common Council Chambers
3rd Floor
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

I am enclosing a copy of our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours

Jessica Brito Office Assistant

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Ruth Girolomo Post Reporting Service, Inc. 2015 Dixwell Avenue Hamden, CT 06514

RE:

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Dear Ms. Girolomo:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Thursday, May 29, 2008
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Danbury City Hall
Common Council Chambers
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155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Jessica Brito Office Assistant

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Enclosure (2)

