# STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

APPLICATION OF NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (AT&T) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER FACILITY AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH AT 224 LOVELY STREET IN THE TOWN OF AVON

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#### APPLICANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") respectfully submits this supplemental information in response to matters raised at the Siting Council's last continued hearing on April 29, 2009 and to review factual developments since that time.

#### INVESTIGATION OF TOWN-OWNED OPEN SPACE

AT&T submitted additional information to the Town of Avon regarding the possible location of a facility at the Huckleberry Hill Open Space. A balloon test was conducted on May 4<sup>th</sup> at a potential siting location in the Huckleberry Hill Open Space and attended by the Town Planner and Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission members were invited to attend. Subsequent to this balloon float, AT&T provided the Town with photosimulations for review by the Town. Attachment 1 is a memorandum from Attorney Loni S. Gardner, counsel to the Town, dated May 1, 2009 summarizing these details.

The Town Council took up the issue of whether the Town should make available the Town-owned property at the Huckleberry Hill Open Space for a tower at its May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> meetings. At its June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the Town Council decided that the location of a telecommunications facility at the Huckleberry Hill Open Space was not in the Town's interest. Attachment 2 is a letter from Attorney Loni S. Gardner, counsel to the Town, dated June 15, 2009 summarizing this conclusion and providing the draft minutes from the June 4<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

AT&T did previously inquire as to all Town-owned properties as far back as June of 2008. Attachment 3 is a letter from the Town of Avon Manager's Office providing a list of Town-owned properties (including the Huckleberry Hill Open Space) to Mr. Kevin Dey.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING RF EMISSIONS

At its April 29, 2009 hearing the Siting Council requested that some explanatory information be provided for the benefit of the intervening neighbors to answer questions they may have regarding RF emissions and compliance with Federal regulations. Provided as Attachment 4, and accordingly issued to the Service List including individual intervenors and the Town of Avon, is the booklet "A Local Government Official's Guide to RF Emission Antenna Safety: Rules,

Procedures, and Practical Guidance" ("Local Government Official's Guide") prepared by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and its Local and State Government Advisory Committee.

This guide "contains basic information, in a form accessible for local officials and citizens alike" intended to "alleviate misunderstandings in the complex area of RF emissions safety." Specifically, this document addresses the issue of compliance with RF exposure limits established by the FCC. As this document is designed to answer in clear, understandable language questions regarding RF emissions, we believe this will be of use to anyone having questions regarding the RF emissions associated with a facility as proposed by AT&T and can be included as a matter of administrative notice.

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

At the Council's April 29, 2009 hearing on this Docket, additional information was requested regarding the extent and nature of the root system of the existing evergreen trees on the St. Matthew Church property. AT&T will be prepared to address this and any other open questions the Siting Council may have as part of rebuttal testimony of its witness panel.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this day, an original and fifteen copies of the foregoing was served on the Connecticut Siting Council electronically and by overnight mail and copy of same was sent to all other parties and intervenors:

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