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STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE:
APPLICATION OF NEW CINCULAR WIRELESS
PCS, LLC (AT&T) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENTANCE 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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MEMORANDUM OF THOMAS AND PATRICIA McMAHON

We have lived at 21 Greenwood Drive, Avon, CT since October, 1961. (This October, we will have lived at this address for 48 years.) We chose this location because of its peacefulness, rural atmosphere, natural forest "feeling" and few neighbors.

St. Pierre Lumber, located at 66 Lovely Street, Canton, CT 06019-2630 is 1.1 miles south from St. Matthew's Church, (224 Lovely Street, Avon, CT). St. Pierre Lumber has not even been investigated as a possible site. It has a flat surface with an already constructed road. At the end of the road there is a large clearing with plenty of room and is zoned for commercial use. This site was never even mentioned until the 7/7/2009 meeting by Peter Emmett Wiese. AT&T wasn't even aware of the location. This was evidenced by their response to the mention of the site when they expressed that they thought Peter was referring to Sanford and Hawley Lumber Company (7 Keyes Street) which is located on the corner of Route 4 and 163 in Unionville, 3.3 miles away.

During the week of August 10, 2009, we clocked the mileage and noted if cell phone service was available. From Route 44 to St. Pierre Lumber Company and from there to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, there was no cell phone service available on my cell phone, which is an AT&T cell phone. At St. Matthew's Lutheran Church down Greenwood Drive and from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church down to Roaring Brook School and down past Country Club Road, there was cell phone service, indicated by at least 3 bars on my cell phone.

AT&T does not want to address the emissions of radiation (or any other emissions) further or the depreciation of our property value or any of our surrounding neighbors property values, but to us, it is a fact of great concern. A HUGE CONCERN!!

Our investment in our home, is part of our retirement and estate planning and as such, would be devastating to have our property's value decrease so drastically because of this proposed cell tower in our quiet residential neighborhood.

Over 60 years ago smoking was ok, even glorified in the movies and on television. Twenty (20) years ago the health problems began to be identified and 10 years ago or more the findings of the American Lung Association and American Cancer Association could not be hushed anymore. Just in the past several years increasing legislation has been made to eliminate smoking in public buildings, public areas and in the presence of children in vehicles. Just like the research and discoveries in regards to smoking, the research and discoveries regarding cell tower emissions are following the same path as smoking, in that it is in it's infancy stage of discovery and research on the negative effects on human beings, particularly in the elderly and children. While there is some research available, as submitted at a previous town meeting, it does demonstrate a

reasonable concern that should be considered. Especially since there is a playground

right on the St. Matthew's Church property as well as 4 children under the age of 7 living

on Greenwood Drive as well as 4 elderly residents on Greenwood Drive.

To reiterate Peter E. Wiess' statement," it is inappropriate to have a cell phone tower

in a R30 residential neighborhood and will negatively affect the quality of life and our

scenic neighborhood."

"Doing the right thing says a lot about a person. And a company". Quotation from a

commercial by Liberty Mutual.

Thomas C. McMahon

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S. Mc Mahon 7/20/09

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