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April 14, 2011

TO:

Parties and Intervenors

FROM:

Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 408 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 95

Balance Rock Road, Hartland, Connecticut.

At the public hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) on March 1, 2011, the Council requested that the Applicant provide responses to "homework assignments." To date, the Council has not received responses to these homework assignments. Please forward responses to these questions no later than May 9, 2011.

The Council record indicates that the following homework assignments were requested at the March 1, 2011 hearing:

- 1. Are there any blue-blazed trails on the west side of the reservoir (excluding Falls Brook Trail)? If so, are there any prominent overlooks? (Tr. pp. 14-14)
- 2. What is the elevation of Pine Mountain south of the site? How far is it from the site? Would the tower be visible from the Pine Mountain overlook? (Tr. pp. 42-43) Would the tower be visible from the "Indian Caves" on the Tunxis Trail south of Pine Mountain?
- 3. What entity maintains the CCC ski cabin? Does it service a downhill ski trail or cross-country ski trail? (Tr. pp. 84-85)
- 4. Is there a commercial cross country ski area located on Route 179 in Hartland or Barkhamsted?
- 5. Does the DEP or DOT control the salt garage area off Route 20? If it is DOT, property is there enough room for a tower? Was the DOT contacted about a potential tower lease? (Tr. pp. 39-40)
- 6. What are the specific secondary roads in the coverage area that are open to public vehicles? (Tr. pp. 34-35)
- 7. Would the tower be visible from the Saville Dam or the Beech Rock overlook northwest of the dam? (Tr. p. 82)
- 8. Is Camp Alice Merritt a viable cell tower site for the proposed service area? (Tr. p. 90)



- 9. Is "Site C" a viable alternative for the proposed cell tower?

 If so, please provide a schematic of the site location including access, and a coverage plot indicating what height would be needed to provide the same coverage characteristics as Site A. (Tr. p. 140-142)
- 10. Would the Verizon tower at 241 West Granville Road in Tolland MA provide coverage to Route 20 in the proposed service area? If so how would locating on this tower affect the proposed site? (Tr. p.186)
- 11. Is there any information as to what height above ground the Saw-whet Owl migrates?
- 12. Would the proposed tower have an affect on the "Balance Rocks"? (Tr. p. 224)
- 13. Could the access drive to Site B include a curvature to prevent a direct view of the compound/tower from Balance Rock Road? If so, provide a schematic.

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c: Council Members

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