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State of Connecticut  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Robert Stein, Chairman  
Members of the Council

RE: Docket No. 409A

To Whom It May Concern:

We live at 6 Barnes Road. Approximately the first 500 feet of the access way to the proposed Cingular Wireless (AT&T) cell tower runs along our property line. As a Party to the proceedings, we submitted a letter on May 5, 2013 indicating some of our concerns about the proposed location of the cell tower and with the planned development of the access road.

AT&T's May 14, 2013 Responses to Siting Council Interrogatories – Set II [Tab 2, CO2A] included a new map of the beginning of the access way from Barnes Road showing that AT&T has adjusted its plans to respect our property line. AT&T includes a paragraph in response to Question 7 explicitly acknowledging these changes. We are pleased that AT&T took another look at the property boundaries and the easement, to which we are not a party, though we are surprised that this wasn't done at an earlier stage.


This inattention to detail leads us to wonder whether AT&T has studied the easement with respect to other aspects of the proposed access drive, including "the re-aligned drive section to shift drive on Parcel 2 with perpetual easement" [Tab 2, CO2A].

With respect to the construction and use of the access road, we are concerned not only that the construction may affect our property, but also that heavy, commercial or emergency vehicles might be in danger of losing control on the steep descent, posing a danger to the driver and to anyone passing on Barnes Road.

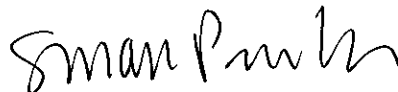
Aside from the above issues, we are very concerned that this project poses a serious threat to the rural and residential character of Falls Village and to the historic character of this neighborhood in particular. We submit a letter from Tod Bryant of Heritage Resources, who is in the process of writing an individual nomination for our property to the National Register of Historic Places. He believes that the cluster of houses surrounding the Meeting House, known as South Canaan, would be eligible for listing as a Historic District. Further, Under Mountain Road, which is well known as one of the most beautiful, scenic roads in the area, would be blighted by painfully conspicuous views of the cell tower. We submit excerpts from the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) website, which explain that "the stunning and unspoiled natural beauty of Falls Village remains its most prized and closely guarded asset, and its rich New England heritage remains firmly in place and guides its future."

Since AT&T's present proposal provides for less coverage, but more environmental impact due to the new location of the tower and the need for construction of a significantly longer and in part steeper access road, we cannot understand how AT&T could view this revised version as an improvement on its original, denied application.

Sincerely,



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Susan Pinsky