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January 19, 2011

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts  
Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 409** - 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 8 Barnes Road, Canaan (Falls Village), Connecticut.

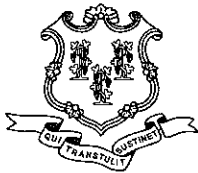
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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from the Housatonic River Commission dated January 13, 2011 concerning the above-referenced application.

In the event that the Housatonic River Commission does not avail itself of the opportunity to attain party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

Therefore, copies of this correspondence is being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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William Tingley, Chairman  
Housatonic River Commission  
17 Sacket Hill Road  
Warren, CT 06754

RE: **DOCKET NO. 409** - 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 8 Barnes Road, Canaan (Falls Village), Connecticut.

Dear Chairman Tingley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated January 13, 2011 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50i(b), a copy of each application is to be submitted to your office for review. In reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, as well as members of the public who present oral or written statements to the Council.

In the event that you do not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the hearing, including the right to cross examine witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at [www.ct.gov/csc](http://www.ct.gov/csc) under the "Pending Proceedings" link located along the left margin.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director

LR/CMW/jbw

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
**SERVICE LIST**

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
<b>Applicant</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	<p>Christopher B Fisher, Esq. Lucia Chiocchio, Esq. Cuddy &amp; Feder LLP 445 Hamilton Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 761-1300 (914) 761-5372 fax <a href="mailto:cfisher@cuddyfeder.com">cfisher@cuddyfeder.com</a> <a href="mailto:lchiocchio@cuddyfeder.com">lchiocchio@cuddyfeder.com</a></p> <p>Michele Briggs AT&amp;T 500 Enterprise Drive Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3900 <a href="mailto:michele.g.briggs@cingular.com">michele.g.briggs@cingular.com</a></p>
<b>Party (if granted on 2/8/11)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	Patty and Guy Rovezzi 36 Barnes Road Falls Village, CT 06031 (860) 824-0358 <a href="mailto:rovezzi2005@yahoo.com">rovezzi2005@yahoo.com</a>	
<b>Party (if granted on 2/8/11)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	Town of Canaan Inland Wetlands Conservation Commission	Ellery W. Sinclair, Chairman Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission Town of Canaan (Falls Village) 201 Under Mountain Road Falls Village, CT 06031 (860) 824-7454 <a href="mailto:WML61@comcast.net">WML61@comcast.net</a>

# HOUSATONIC RIVER COMMISSION

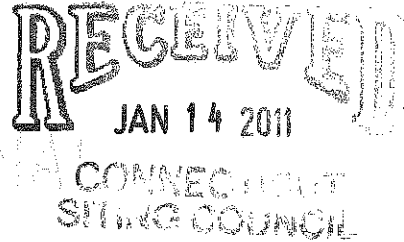
"to coordinate on a regional basis the local management and protection of the Housatonic River Valley in northwestern Connecticut"

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Hon. Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman  
Ct. Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 0651

Re: AT&T Application for Certificate of Environment Compatibility and Public Need  
8 Barnes Road, Canaan

Dear Chairman Caruso:

I am writing on behalf of the Housatonic River Commission, which was created by the Towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, New Milford, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon to advise the towns on issues affecting the Housatonic River. The Commission's prime objective is to protect the free flowing and scenic character of the River.

The River Commission has two major concerns with the proposed telecommunications tower proposed by AT&T for 8 Barnes Road in Canaan. First, the access road, which is to be widened and graveled, has slopes of 20% or more. The steepness of the proposed access road will make it difficult to control stormwater runoff and the resultant erosion. Any erosion will have an immediate and detrimental impact on the adjacent wetlands, and subsequently, on the Housatonic River itself.

Second, the proposed telecommunications tower would result in a serious degradation of the entire area's scenic quality – a quality that the River Commission and numerous other organizations and individuals have worked long and hard to protect. The proposed tower would, for example, be visible for long stretches of Route 7, a section of highway that the Connecticut Department of Transportation has designated as a scenic highway.

We are, therefore, requesting that the Siting Council deny the applicant's request for a tower at this location. I am available to answer questions at any time.

Sincerely,

*William Tingley*  
(Signature)

William Tingley, Chairman  
Housatonic River Commission

cc: file, HRC, P. Mechare, Area Legislators, Canaan Inland Wetlands Commission