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RE: **DOCKET NO. 412** – SBA Towers II and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Laub and Fisher:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than March 7, 2011. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office and a PDF version to be filed electronically. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,

Linda Roberts
Executive Director

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c: Council Members
Parties and Intervenors



## Docket No. 412 Pre-Hearing Questions Set One

- 1. When was the search ring first initiated for a tower in this area? Provide the size, shape, and location of the center of the search ring.
- 2. Describe the land uses surrounding the proposed tower site.
- 3. Of the letters sent to abutting property owners, how many certified mail receipts were received? If any receipts were not returned, which owners did not receive their notice? Were any additional attempts made to contact those property owners?
- 4. Is New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to provide service in Litchfield County?
- 5. Would AT&T's proposed facility comply with E911 requirements?
- 6. What is the signal strength for which AT&T designs its system? For in-vehicle coverage? For in-building coverage?
- 7. What is the existing signal strength in those areas AT&T is seeking to cover from this site?
- 8. Does AT&T have any statistics on dropped calls in the vicinity of the proposed facility? If so, what do they indicate? Does AT&T have any other indicators of substandard service in this area?
- 9. Would AT&T provide both cellular and PCS service initially or cellular first and PCS in the future? Explain.
- 10. Provide the lengths of the proposed coverage of any roads that AT&T seeks to provide coverage to based on the tower's proposed height, as well as ten and twenty feet shorter.
- 11. Provide the areas to be covered (in square miles) assuming the tower is at the proposed height and also ten and twenty feet shorter.
- 12. Provide coverage plots using the same scale provided assuming the tower is ten and twenty feet shorter, respectively.
- 13. What is the minimum antenna centerline height required to meet AT&T's coverage objectives?
- 14. Would flush-mounted antennas or antennas attached to the tower via T-arms provide the required coverage? Would either configuration result in reduced coverage and/or necessitate greater antenna height? Explain.
- 15. Provide the distance and direction from the proposed tower site to the existing sites that the proposed tower would interact with. Also include the addresses, tower heights, antenna heights and tower types (e.g. monopole).

- 16. Calculate the amounts of cut and fill required to develop the proposed tower site and access drive.
- 17. What is the fuel source for the backup generator? How many hours of run time would the generator have based on its fuel tank capacity?
- 18. Has AT&T considered using a fuel cell as a backup power source for the proposed facility? Explain.
- 19. Does AT&T anticipate the use of the backup generator as a temporary power source until permanent electrical service is provided?
- 20. Would any blasting be required to develop the site?
- 21. Is the proposed site within an "Important Bird Area" as designated by the National Audubon Society?
- 22. Would the proposed facility comply with recommended guidelines of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for minimizing the potential for telecommunications towers to impact bird species?

## LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS $\underline{SERVICE\ LIST}$

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