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September 6, 2012

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan

Dear Attorney Chiocchio:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on September 6, 2012, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on August 3, 2012.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on August 3, 2012. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated September 6, 2012.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

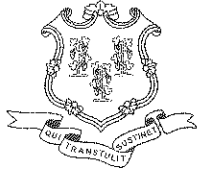
Very truly yours,

Robert Stein *RS*  
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Enclosure: Staff Report, dated September 6, 2012

c: Parties and Intervenors



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**Docket 422**

**Watertown – 655 Bassett Road**  
**North Atlantic Towers and New Cingular Wireless**  
**Development and Management Plan**  
**Staff Report**  
**September 6, 2012**

On May 10, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to North Atlantic Towers (NAT) for the construction, maintenance and management of a wireless telecommunications facility at 655 Bassett Road in Watertown, Connecticut. In its decision, the Council specified that the approved tower shall be constructed as a monopine and shall not exceed (excluding the pine branches) 130 feet in height. As required in the Council's Decision and Order, NAT submitted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this facility on August 6, 2012.

NAT's site is located on a 51.53-acre property owned by the Frank E. Gustafson Revocable Trust, the Edward Gustafson Revocable Trust, Frank E. Gustafson Jr., Trustee, and Thomas W. Calkins, Independent Trustee for the Gustafson Trust Property. The property consists of agricultural and forested land. In its certificate application, NAT originally proposed a site in the northerly portion of the Gustafson property. During the course of the Council's deliberations, NAT presented an alternate site located approximately 200 feet to the south. This alternate location was the one approved by the Council. NAT's D&M plans show that it would develop a 75-foot by 75-foot compound within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease parcel at the alternate, approved site. NAT's tower would be a 130-foot monopole designed as a monopine. The branches of the monopine would reach an overall height of 135 feet above ground level. On the tower, AT&T would install nine antennas on T-arm mounts at a centerline height of 126 feet above ground level. The compound would be enclosed by a six-foot chain link fence and would include an 11'6" by 20' shelter for NAT's ground equipment. NAT would also install a diesel generator, on a separate concrete pad, for backup power.

Vehicular access to the proposed facility will extend from Bassett Road for a distance of approximately 1,750 feet over an unimproved portion of Linkfield Road, a town road. NAT would also install a new, gravel access drive for a distance approximately 1,000 feet from Linkfield Road to the facility compound. The new access drive would be 12 feet wide and would include a two-point turning area for larger vehicles. The new access drive would reach slopes of 15 to 20% in some areas, in which it would be lined with riprap swales. NAT has received a stormwater discharge from DEEP for the access drive drainage. NAT would also add gravel to that portion of Linkfield Road it will use for access to its site. Utilities will be extended underground to the site from an existing utility pole at the intersection of Bassett Road and the unimproved Linkfield Road. The utilities would be buried within the Linkfield Road right-of-way and the easement of the new gravel access road. No landscaping is proposed for the facility as it is located in a wooded area.

NAT will install erosion and sedimentation controls consistent with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control* around the area that will be disturbed during construction. They will be kept in place during the construction period.

Intevenors Cathleen and Robert Alex submitted a list of interrogatories pertaining to the grounding of the facility. NAT's responses indicate that the facility would be grounded in accordance with current code requirements.

The D&M plans as presented conform to the Council's Decision and Order and with the scope of the project described during this docket's proceedings.



**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
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