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RE: **DOCKET NO. 423** – North Atlantic Towers, LLC, and 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 off of Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Chiocchio and Fisher:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than December 19, 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 file on a compact disc. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings is sent to siting.council@ct.gov. 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. A list of parties and intervenors dated October 20, 2011, is enclosed. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Roberts".

Linda Roberts
Executive Director

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c: Council Members
Parties and Intervenors
Michele Briggs, AT&T
John S. Stevens, NAT

Docket No. 423
Pre-Hearing Questions
Set One

1. Were return receipts received for each abutting landowner identified behind Tab 10 of the application? If not, list the abutters that did not receive notice and describe any additional effort to serve notice. When was the abutter list compiled?
2. When did NAT initiate a site search in this area of Woodstock? When did AT&T initiate a site search in this area?
3. Did NAT's site-search begin as a result of contact by AT&T for the potential new site?
4. With what adjacent sites would the proposed tower hand off signals? Include addresses of these sites.
5. What is the demand on the system in the area of the proposed site?
6. How much capacity is needed in the area of the proposed site?
7. Are certain frequencies assigned to different AT&T services? Are certain frequencies assigned to voice?
8. What frequency bands does AT&T use in the Woodstock area?
9. Is the proposed site required for a specific AT&T service?
10. What signal strength is required to transmit voice/text? Streaming data? Downloading? Provide a plot showing what is available in the area for each of these from nearby existing sites and from the proposed site.
11. Explain the demand on the cellular system from the use of wireless devices (including but not limited to phones and wireless tablets) for downloading or streaming data.
12. Are there weak points in the network for downloading and/or streaming data in the area of the proposed site?
13. How long would AT&T's proposed back-up generator operate in a power outage with the facility at full capacity? How would the generator be refueled?
14. Population statistics are listed in Table 2 behind Tab 1 of the application. What are the population numbers based on? Is it the number of AT&T customers living within the coverage footprint of the proposed site?
15. Please provide the sites that are part of the Site Search Summary map behind Tab 2 of the application on the 3D Terrain basemap included as Attachment 4 behind Tab 1 of the application.

16. What is the distance and direction of the nearest residence to the proposed tower location? What is the address and owner of that residence?
17. How far is the residence located at 530 Route 198 from the nearest area of proposed construction related to development of the proposed facility?
18. Are any man-made structures currently located on the host property?
19. How was the path of the access road determined?
20. Could a shorter access road be built if the host property were accessed from a parcel farther south along Route 198?
21. Does the proposed host property have any access along a public roadway?
22. Please estimate the number of trees with diameters of six inches or greater that would be removed for construction of the proposed facility.
23. Would the proposed utilities be placed overhead for the length of the access road?
24. Please describe the existing trail shown along the proposed access road. Is it a maintained trail? What is the length and width of the trail?
25. How many carriers would a 110-foot tower at the proposed site support?
26. On the Tower Elevation drawing behind Tab 3 of the application, are the antenna platforms shown with 10-foot spacing from centerline to centerline?
27. What is the approximate amount of cut and fill that would be necessary for the construction of the proposed project?
28. Would blasting be required for the development of the proposed facility?
29. Would the proposed facility be within an Important Bird Area as identified by the Audobon Society?

