

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

for a Telecommunications Facility Education at 171 Short Beach Road or 82 Short Beach Road CONNECTICUT AUGUST 8, 2012

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INTERVENOR RICHARD MORELAND'S TESTIMONY

I am a supporter of providing cell phone coverage where necessary and I am willing to accept additional noise and the potential home value reduction, if the East Haven site is determined by the siting counsel to be the best site based on unbiased analysis.

One thing has become clear as I reviewed the application and materials. The town of Branford needs a cell tower. They have demonstrated this fact by the amount of money and effort they've exhausted. The other key piece that show's Branford's need was provided by the North Atlantic Tower application dated April 30th 2012 in the Radio Frequency Analysis Report. Page 10 very clearly shows Branford's lack of coverage in their short beach area. It is obvious to anyone looking at page 11 and 12 that the proposed Branford cell tower location provides superior coverage for Branford's residents.

There are issues with the East Haven site. The structures and tower are on the edge of a man made hill with a steep drop off. The vibration of generators added to the disruption from construction will, without a doubt, weaken the bank. In addition, being in a high wind location will add additional stress to the tower's base which will contribute to an eventual failure of the bank. The answers to my interrogatories provided by CUDDY & FEDER LLP, clearly demonstrate that the applicant is not addressing the issues with the East Haven site.

- Answer 5, avoids my question about how the tower would fall if the bank collapsed, maybe I wasn't clear when I said mudslide or earthquake. They don't need to answer because it is clear that, if the bank does collapse, the tower can fall at the full 100 + foot length and could potential fall on the firehouse, or it could fall towards a neighbor's home and could cause damage more than the 100' from the base because it could hit a tree on the way down causing the panels could break off and launch another 100' or more.
- My questions 6 and 7 were to see if the applicants were aware of the potential for major problems if the bank gives way and all 4 of the 210 gallon fuel tanks (one for each carrier) spill outside the containment area. The applicant's response indicates how unfamiliar they are with the East Haven site. Most certainly, the applicant's answer would apply to the Branford site: "Atfirst, the diesel fuel would absorb into the soil. A Spill Response team would typically be

onsite within a few hours. They would use impermeable barriers to contain the spill from "flowing" any further. Excavation would commence and all contaminated soils would be removed Oversight by government agencies would require soil and water testing to ensure the spill was contained and the contaminants completely removed" This answer can in no way apply to the East Haven site for multiple reasons: Diesel fuel floats in water and at least some 840 gallons of Diesel fuel would get dispersed into the stream before a response team could respond. The other problem is that the spill response team would most likely not have access to the spill, the spill would not be on their leased location, it would be on private and state property.

• My question 4 addresses the noise issue and again the applicants answer demonstrates the lack of knowledge about the site. The sound study is flawed and inaccurate. I believe it is common knowledge that a megaphone, a simple cone shape, amplifies sound. The contours of the land leading south of the East Haven site, has physical properties which does in fact amplify sound. It's a valley, the proposed location of the generators is at the narrow end and the width increases as the valley goes further south. The reverberation causes the sound to carry long distances. The applicant did not accurately answer my question, but it's again obvious, the answer is: yes, residences will need to hang up the phone when the generators are running, we will have to turn up the TV and it is guaranteed that, if we lose power for week during the summer, trying to sleep with the windows open will be a major problem for any living within a few thousand feet of the East Haven site because of the contour of the land causes the sound to amplify and carry for very long distances. The generators will be loud and very disruptive.

If the applicant is being influenced in by the representatives from the Town of Branford to put the cell tower, mostly needed by Branford, in East Haven, I urge that they cease their alliance immediately. From what I've read so far and based on the testimony of the Branford residents, Branford wants a cell tower as long as it is not in of their town. I am skeptical of all the information provided by Branford. Is this why the applicant so unaware of the issues at the East Haven site? Is the applicant relying on Branford to provide valid information on an East Haven site?

The testimony of David Maxson, WCP, of Isotrope, LLC provided by Branford on 8/7/2012 seems skewed and designed to only present information that is in Branford's interest, while omitting other details that would provide the siting Counsel with all the accurate facts so they can make an objective decision. For example, the numbers that Mr. Masson came up with on East Haven verses Branford site for people getting the service seems flawed especially when you look at the coverage map provided by the experts for ATT and Verizon. Mr. Maxson didn't provide all the details to back up his numbers, but I assume that the extra numbers on the East Haven site come from the Cosey beach area. Mr. Maxson seems to be for a patch work cell tower approach, if he's really including the partial patch coverage of Cosey beach just to satisfy Branford's goal of putting a cell tower in East Haven. Unfortunately, Mr. Maxson doesn't address the gaps that are left in Branford with the East Haven site and he does not address the remaining area in Cosey beach not covered by the East Haven site.

I suggest that Branford resident's money would do much better with more advanced, progressive methods of supporting their community. Forward thinkers could invest in Branford's future by working toward advanced, long term, low impact technical solutions that could be a model for other shoreline communities in the country.

Also, there was a question at the hearing asking if the proposed East Haven tower will be visible from my residence. The answer is yes, all year long. You can see the proximity of my property is behind the fire house - Hilton Avenue loops west and with the back yards not having the tall trees, I'll have a direct view of the cell tower, I could clearly see the balloon even while it had blown against the trees to the west of the site on July 10th.

I have not had time to fully prepare my testimony, I only just received the answers last night. Could I please reserve the right to provide additional testimony if needed? Thank you.

Sincerely,

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