

July 24, 2012

VIA FACSIMILE & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hon. Robert Stein, Chairman
and Members of the Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 427
North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)
Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
at one of the two proposed sites located at
171 Short Beach Road in the Town of Branford or
82 Short Beach Road in the Town of East Haven

Dear Chairman Stein and Members of the Council:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the North Atlantic Towers and AT&T, the Applicants of the above-referenced docket, in response to the Town of Branford's objection to the notification that Mr. Anthony Wells will not be available for the continued hearing scheduled for August 15, 2012.

Mr. Wells has been working on AT&T's network design to provide a service solution in the Short Beach area of the Towns of Branford and East Haven for over two years. His specialized knowledge and technical understanding of AT&T's network, lack of alternatives and other requirements for providing service cannot be easily transferred to another RF engineer at this point in time.

It should also be noted that right after the August 15th continued hearing date was announced and the July 10th hearing continued, Mr. Wells advised us that he would be unavailable on August 15th and we immediately alerted Siting Council Staff at that time. We discussed various procedural options and the staff advised that the August 15th hearing could proceed without Mr. Wells in attendance because a third hearing date was likely due to the number of parties and intervenors in this proceeding.

It is respectfully submitted that Mr. Well's unavailability for the August 15th continued hearing will not prejudice any of the parties' or intervenors' rights in this proceeding who can and should cross-examine the applicants other witnesses.

Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Very truly yours,



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