## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF NORTH ATLANTIC TOWERS, LLC and NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (AT&T) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER FACILITY AT ONE OF TWO SITES: 171 SHORT BEACH ROAD, BRANFORD, OR 82 SHORT BEACH ROAD, EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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## APPLICANTS NORTH ATLANTIC TOWERS, LLC and NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (AT&T) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Applicants North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) respectfully submit this supplemental information regarding the parcels improved with multifamily housing located at "43" and "61" Briarwood Lane in Branford.

In response to the Applicants' request at the August 15<sup>th</sup> continued hearing, the Town of Branford advised that the multi-family parcels on Briarwood Lane include a substantial area within each parcel reserved and dedicated for use as "recreation area" per Section 7.1.A.4 which states:

The entire area of the lot not used for buildings, driveways, and parking areas shall be landscaped with lawn and with trees and/or shrubs or shall be left undisturbed as natural terrain.

Per the Town of Branford, this reservation of recreation area was a condition imposed by the Branford Planning and Zoning Commission in the 1960s when the multi-family housing improvements were approved. As a follow up to this information provided by the Town of Branford via email, the Applicants requested copies of any Planning and Zoning Commission approval resolutions or meeting minutes for these parcels. In advance of same, we reviewed online a recorded map for one of the parcels known as the Garden Homes Branford Limited Partnership a copy of which is included in Attachment 1 and which confirms a large area of dedicated "park and recreation area". Upon information and belief the adjacent parcel developed as a condominium known as Dover Court Condominiums has similar restrictions that would be contained on the approved plan and/or in the underlying condominium declaration as to use of the common areas.

As set forth in the Applicants' Exhibit 2, Responses to Siting Council Interrogatories, Set I, dated June 7, 2012, when searching for possible sites for the siting of a needed wireless facility, parcels

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "unofficial" notation is due to our printing the map from the Town's online viewer.

improved with residential structures are avoided, particularly in areas where non-residentially improved parcels are available, such as the sites proposed in this Docket. Thus, the multi-family improved parcels on Briarwood Lane are considered less suitable than the Site proposed in this Docket for the siting of a tower facility in relation to the Siting Council's statutory review criteria set forth in Section 16-50p of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) given the underlying residential uses of the Briarwood Lane parcels as compared to the commercial use at the Branford Site and the Fire Department use at the East Haven Site. Indeed, any area developable for a tower site would likely be in the immediate vicinity of the apartment buildings/condominium units given the required reservation of park and recreational lands in an undisturbed area as recorded. While, there is a legal argument that these restrictions are zoning related and therefore not enforceable as against a tower applicant, there would be a concern that by allowing development in such areas, the property owners, would be in violation of Branford Planning and Zoning Commission conditions and approvals that required those the dedicated and reserved recreation areas on these parcels.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day, a copy of the foregoing was sent electronically and by overnight mail to the Connecticut Siting Council and:

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## ATTACHMENT 1

