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Attention: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

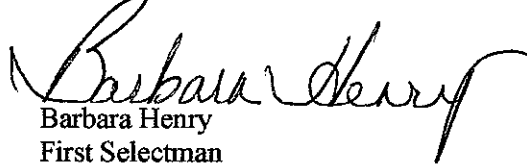
RE: DOCKET NO. 428 – Town of Roxbury Questions relating to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut (“Southbury Road Site”), or 126 Transylvania Road, Roxbury, Connecticut (“Transylvania Road Site”).

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

Pursuant to Connecticut Gen. Stat. § 16-50gg the Town of Roxbury hereby provides the Connecticut Siting Council with questions on behalf of the Town of Roxbury for siting of the telecommunications tower proposed under Docket 428. See attached.

We thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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cc: R. Dirienzo, Selectman
R. Lowe, Selectman

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RE: DOCKET NO. 428 – Town of Roxbury Pre-Hearing Questions of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut (“Southbury Road Site”), or 126 Transylvania Road, Roxbury, Connecticut (“Transylvania Road Site”).

Dear Director Roberts:

The purpose of this letter is in furtherance of the Town’s authority under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50gg, to provide the following pre-hearing questions for Applicant and Applicant’s experts with respect to both alternate locations proposed under the above captioned DOCKET NO. 428:

1. What tower and building construction techniques will be designed to specifically minimize adverse effects on natural areas and sensitive areas?
2. How will the tower sit with respect to the ridgeline and what steps are being taken to protect the ridge line where it will be located?
3. Why can’t the applicant co-locate its antennas and other equipment on the Town’s tower site as do other providers?
4. Describe the specific efforts made to share existing towers, including but not limited to installations on electric transmission poles, or to consolidate telecommunications antennas; please include a detailed engineering discussion evaluating the feasibility of using the Town of Roxbury’s tower on the Roxbury Transfer Station site or any other existing Tower in the general area.

5. Provide a list of all currently shared telecommunication facilities in Roxbury and in neighboring towns to Roxbury.
6. Can the tower location for either alternative site be shifted to reduce the visibility from scenic roads in the area? If so, please describe or diagram such a proposal.
7. Please provide a technical engineering analysis of why repeaters on one or more sites cannot be used to provide Adequate Coverage in the area covered by this application?
8. What assurance, including bonding/security, will be offered to guaranty the implementation and maintenance of the driveway serving the tower site?
9. Identify the properties that were investigated for the use of repeaters? What was the response of the owners?
10. Was there consideration of clustering or reconfiguring of tower(s) to avoid a new tower location? If not, what is the technical reason why not? If yes, please describe in detail.
8. Were silos, steeples, tall barns, water towers, poles, and similar tall structures in the subject area inventoried/investigated to determine the feasibility of using those sites for repeaters or similar purpose technology? If not, why not? If so, please provide the results of that investigation. Who was contacted and which properties were considered?
9. Can the tower be lower than 170' and provide service for Applicant? For 3 co-location providers?
10. Has the applicant consulted with other companies who will share space on the proposed new tower? How many providers are anticipated to share the tower? If so, which companies and what agreements are in place (subject to CSC approval)?
11. Why are competitor providers able to provide Adequate Coverage or at least commercially acceptable coverage in Roxbury, but the Applicant is not? How can the site search area be redrawn to facilitate the use of the existing Town tower on Lower County Road alone or in combination with other sites?
12. Identify the sites currently used and/or under contract for use by applicant for telecommunications of the "fifteen (15) existing telecommunications facilities in Roxbury, Southbury and Woodbury" referenced in the application materials. Which of these sites does AT&T currently use (if this information is already provided, please direct us to that information?) Which of these sites will be used in the future? Which will be dropped if this application is approved? Are there any additional sites to add to this list? What sites "outside

of the site search area" either alone or in combination could provide reliable coverage to the area identified (by tower or repeaters) in this Application?

13. Why would either church at the corner of state highway 67 and state highway 172 not be feasible for installation of repeaters/antennas to provide reliable coverage to the area identified in this Application.

14. Is the Applicant willing to stipulate to an equipment shelter design, color and landscaping, that is in keeping with a residential neighborhood in Roxbury (pitched roof, color and landscaping near the fence to blend the shelter and other equipment with the external environment.) Will a generator be mandated at the site?

15. Please provide a visibility study including the most vulnerable locations along the scenic roads named in the Visibility Studies included in the Application.

16. The visibility studies indicate that the tower will be seen from the Bronson Conservation Subdivision and from other roads that Roxbury has designated as Scenic Roads pursuant to Connecticut Gen. Stat. § 7-149a and the Town's ordinances. A photograph provided by the Applicant illustrates a substantial visual impact. What plans are there to mitigate this impact?

17. If the existing town-owned tower at the transfer station on Lower County Road is not feasible for the Applicant to provide coverage or shared coverage with other tower(s) antenna locations, then what technical changes could be made to make that tower feasible?

18. The applicant is requested to provide evidence that it has exhausted all technologically feasible improvements to allow co-location on the shared tower of the Town or other shared Tower(s); if there are any available alternatives not previously described, please so describe.

19. Please indicate the possible locations for a tower or other facility within the Town or Towns that is/are primarily receiving service from the proposed Facility.

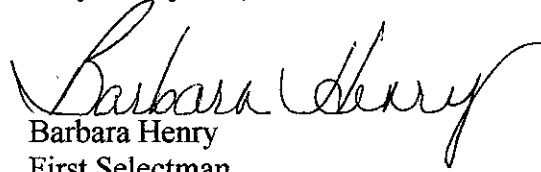
20. What impact does the minimum lot size in Residential Zone C in Roxbury have on the estimate of the number of persons to be served in Roxbury by the proposed facilities; how many Roxbury and total households will be served base on the 2008 census? What is the area in square miles for each town other than Roxbury served by the proposed tower covered by this Application? What is the number of persons and households for each town other than Roxbury served by the proposed tower covered by this Application? How many current customers does Applicant have within the service area proposed? How many new customers does it expect?

21. What accommodations is the applicant willing to make to camouflage the tower (other than simulated trees that do not reflect the area), lower the tower

height, or other adjustments to provide the maximum protection of the region's vistas.

Since the interests of the Town will be affected by this application and proceedings, we thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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This is to certify that a copy of the attached correspondence was sent to all parties on the Service List for Docket 428 on August 1, 2012.