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June 20, 2011

#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc Town of East Hartford 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: AT&T

Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility 56 Hills Street East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc:

We are writing to you on behalf of our client, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T"), with respect to the above captioned matter involving a proposed wireless telecommunications tower facility to be located on a 5.38 acre parcel of property at 56 Hills Street in the Town of East Hartford. The purpose of our letter is to commence a municipal consultation process prior to any formal application being filed by AT&T with the State Siting Council. A detailed Technical Report is enclosed which includes information on the need for this proposed tower, alternative sites investigated and the environmental effects of the project as identified at this time. AT&T would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your offices in East Hartford to review the enclosed Technical Report and we will follow this letter with a call to schedule an initial meeting.

For further information on the procedural aspects of municipal consultation on tower sites, we refer you to Section 16-50l(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes. While jurisdiction over cellular tower facilities rests exclusively with the State of Connecticut Siting Council pursuant to Sections 16-50i and x of the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 16-50l(e) does require that AT&T try and consult with any municipality prior to formally filing an application with the State Siting Council. Indeed, local consultation is intended to give a municipality an opportunity to provide a prospective applicant with any recommendations or preferences it may have prior to the actual filing of an application with the Siting Council. In reviewing Section 16-50l(e), you will note that municipalities have the option of conducting a public information meeting on any proposed tower facility. As such, we would anticipate discussing the consultation process and other aspects of AT&T's project with you at our initial meeting.



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Thank you for your consideration of this letter and its enclosures and we look forward to meeting with you.

Very truly yours Christopher B. Fisher

Enclosure

cc: Planning and Zoning Commission Inland Wetland Commission Michele Briggs, AT&T

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August 4, 2011

#### VIA FIRST CLASS & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc Town of East Hartford 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

#### Re: AT&T – East Hartford Tower Site 56 Hills Street – C.G.S. § 16-501 Technical Consultation Town Owned Alternative Sites Discussed on July 25, 2011

Dear Mayor Leclerc:

It was a pleasure meeting with you, Mr. Choquette and Mr. Dayton last week together with Mr. Lawrence, AT&T's real estate consultant. We are writing to you on behalf of our client, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") to follow up on the above referenced matter and the potential for Town owned alternative tower sites.

At our meeting, we reviewed the AT&T coverage area, the proposed tower site at 56 Hills Street, the prior rejection of school properties and the Town's desire to make a non-school property available to AT&T as a potential tower site alternative. In this regard, two Town owned parcels were discussed, a 5.38 acre parcel of property at 142 Forest Street ("Nicolas Foran Park") and a 38.3 acre parcel of property at 381 May Road ("Gorman Park Former Bandshell Area").

After our meeting, Mr. Lawrence did some preliminary investigations of the parcels in question and they are apparently worth discussing further with the Town. As such, Mr. Lawrence transmitted AT&T's offer and lease documents earlier this week on August 2, 2011. AT&T is currently evaluating the sites technically. At our meeting, Mr. Choquette and Mr. Dayton also indicated they would follow up with Town agencies to assess whether there is an independent need for a municipal emergency communications tower in this part of the Town.

At this point in time, we would respectfully request that the concept of these two parcels hosting a tower site (cellular and/or municipal) be placed on the Town Council's agenda as a discussion item for later this month. In this regard, while AT&T could legally file an application with the Siting Council for the 56 Hills Street location as early as August 21, 2011, I've discussed a voluntary delay by our client. I'm advised that AT&T is willing to hold off on any such filing with the Siting Council for a few weeks and into September in order to give the parties time to determine if one of these Town owned sites is a viable concept and alternative to a new tower at 56 Hills Street.

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I will follow this letter with a call to the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mr. Gentile to discuss the matter further and next steps. Thank you once again for your consideration.

Very truly yours Christopher B. Fisher

 cc: Richard P. Gentile, Esq, Assistant Corporation Counsel John Choquette, Director of Planning and Development Michele Briggs, AT&T John Lawrence, Centerline

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October 19, 2012

#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc Town of East Hartford 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Message Center Management, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T") Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility 465 Hills Street, East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mayor Leclerc:

We are writing to you on behalf of our clients Message Center Management, Inc. ("MCM") and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") with respect to the above captioned matter involving a proposed wireless telecommunications tower facility to be located on a 11.94 acre parcel of property at 465 Hills Street in the Town of East Hartford. The purpose of our letter is to commence a municipal consultation process prior to any formal application being filed by MCM and AT&T with the State Siting Council. Enclosed you will find a detailed Technical Report for the 465 Hills Street location which includes information on the need for the proposed facility, alternative sites investigated by MCM and the environmental effects of the project as identified at this time.

As you may recall, AT&T commenced a technical consultation with your office in June of 2011 for another tower site location at 56 Hills Street in East Hartford. Since that site location is still a potential alternative which may be included in any application to the Siting Council, we are retransmitting AT&T's June 2011 Technical Report for that site location which includes additional information on the alternative sites explored by AT&T. Additionally, we note that AT&T conducted significant due diligence with the Town on various Town owned properties in 2011 and early 2012 as possible alternative tower sites and negotiated a draft lease. As you will recall, the Town declined to pursue any such properties including a tower at Gorman Park, the details for which had been considered by the Town Council and its Committees.

At this time, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your offices in East Hartford to review the enclosed Technical Reports and we will follow this letter with a call to schedule a meeting. For further information on the procedural aspects of municipal consultation on tower sites, we refer you to Section 16-50l(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes. While jurisdiction over cellular tower facilities rests exclusively with the State of Connecticut Siting Council pursuant to Sections 16-50i and x of the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 16-50l(e) does require that MCM and AT&T consult with a municipality prior to formally filing an application with the State Siting Council.



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Indeed, local consultation is intended to give a municipality an opportunity to provide a prospective applicant with any recommendations or preferences it may have prior to the actual filing of an application with the Siting Council. In reviewing Section 16-50l(e), you will note that municipalities have the option of conducting a public information meeting on any proposed tower facility. Given that a project in this area of East Hartford has been considered dating back over a year and that the Town has decided not to make Town owned alternative sites available, we would anticipate simply discussing the consultation process for the proposed sites at 56 and 465 Hills Street and other aspects of MCM and AT&T's project with you at our meeting

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and its enclosures and we look forward to meeting with you.

Very truly yours, DAL Christopher B. Fisher

Enclosures

cc: Planning and Zoning Commission Inland Wetland Commission Maria Scotti, MCM Michele Briggs, AT&T

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December 17, 2012

#### VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc Town of East Hartford 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Message Center Management, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T") Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility 465 or 56 Hills Street, East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mayor Leclerc:

We are writing to you on behalf of our clients Message Center Management, Inc. ("MCM") and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") with respect to the above captioned matter and as a follow up to our meeting on November 14, 2012.

We appreciated your perspective on the two alternative tower sites being proposed by MCM and AT&T in East Hartford. As you know, we also had an opportunity to meet with the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission later that evening and shared with them various details of the project including some references for other nearby "tree" type towers including one of similar height and constructed by AT&T at a residential care facility near I-91 in Windsor. We understood from our various conversations that the Town would generally consider the 465 Hills Street location preferred over the 56 Hills Street location based on the comparative visibility of the two tower locations to the overall residential neighborhood in East Hartford.

At this point in time, we are writing to advise the Town that MCM and AT&T are preparing an application to the Connecticut Siting Council and will present both site locations as alternatives for the State's consideration. The application itself will not be filed until late January 2013 and only after various notices are mailed and published, including notice to abutting property owners, in accordance with state law. A copy of the application will also be provided to you and other Town officials at the time of the filing.

In the interim, if there are any other comments, you or Town staff would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to provide them directly to us or Ms. Scotti. Thank you once again.

Very truly yours,

Christopher B. Fisher cc: John Choquette, Town Development Director Maria Scotti, MCM Michele Briggs, AT&T MARCIA A. LECLERC MAYOR

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January 8, 2013

#### VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Christopher B. Fisher Cuddy & Feder 445 Hamilton Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor White Plains, New York 10601

#### RE: Message Center Management, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T") Proposed Wireless Telecommunication Tower Facility 465 or 56 Hills Street, East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Thank you for your letter dated December 17, 2012 regarding the two alternative sites referenced above and discussed in a meeting held on November 14, 2012 in my office.

I appreciate your presentation on the two alternative site locations being proposed by MCM and AT&T in East Hartford. We also appreciate your attendance at the evening Planning & Zoning meeting where you described the details of the project including providing site locations as examples of the "tree" type towers similar to the one being considered. As referenced during that meeting the community of East Hartford has areas with limited and in some case no cell coverage. We are eager to ensure all East Hartford residents and users have uninterrupted service.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Marcia A. Leclerc Mayor Town of East Hartford

MARCIA A. LECLERC MAYOR

## TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD 31 School Street – Fire Headquarters East Hartford, Connecticut 06108

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FIRE DEPARTMENT JOHN H. OATES FIRE CHIEF

January 20, 2013

Christopher Gelinas National Sales Manager MCM, Inc. 40 Woodland Street Hartford, CT 06105

Mr. Gelinas,

The purpose of this letter is to share with you our strong support for the construction of a new communication tower at 465 Hills Street in East Hartford, CT. The department is aware of Message Center Management's proposed application for both 465 and 56 Hills Street in East Hartford. We have evaluated both locations and find the 465 location preferable. This location provides enhanced coverage for this section of the community.

The construction of a new communication tower at 465 Hills Street in East Hartford will have a substantial positive impact for our department. As you are aware, that portion of the community is significantly under-served by communication services. This deficit is not limited to commercial carriers, as our proprietary systems also encounter coverage shortages in that area of the community. This construction will assist the department in three different and important areas.

First, it will enable the fire department to improve portable radio communication in that area of the community. The ability to locate an antenna and repeater unit at this site will fill a long-standing need. This will improve portable radio communication which is critical for effective emergency scene operations. This improvement will increase the safety of the members by increasing our ability to hear portable radio transmissions.

Next, the location of a tower with ATT mobile broadband service will improve our mobile computer terminal capability. In that area of the community we loose connectivity for our computer terminals located on board fire apparatus. The impact of this loss is felt in our inability to obtain sensitive dispatch information as well as losing all access to our records management system. This means we are unable to access our building pre-fire plans. These plans include data on target hazards within the community. Lacking access to this critical building intelligence while responding limits our effectiveness when we arrive at an emergency.

Lastly, we are hopeful our other wireless carrier chooses to locate on your tower. This will improve our ability to utilize our other mobile computer platform. This system

collects the patient care data for each medical response the department undertakes. This data is then transmitted to our records management system and to the receiving hospital. The area of the community that will be served by your tower lacks this critical coverage. The addition of tower space in this section of town should interest this other carrier.

The fire department strongly supports your application to construct a communications tower at 465 Hills Street in the Town of East Hartford. This new tower will, as illustrated above, provide an immediate and important improvement to our communications systems.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on your project. Please let me know if need any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely, < John H. Oates

Fire Chief East Hartford, CT

cc: Mayor Marcia Leclerc