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August 22, 2014

Raymond Vergati  
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 441** – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Vergati:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on August 21, 2014, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on July 10, 2014, with the condition that the antennas and antenna mounts shall not extend beyond the limits of the monopole tree branches.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on July 11, 2014. Requests for any changes to the D&M Plan shall be approved by Council staff in accordance RCSA §16-50j-77(b). Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-77.

Please be advised that changes and deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated August 21, 2014.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/CDM/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated August 21, 2014

c: Parties and Intervenors  
The Honorable Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman, Town of Washington  
Michael Agello, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Washington

**Docket 441**  
**Washington – Blackville Road**  
**Homeland Towers/New Cingular Wireless**  
**Development and Management Plan**  
**Staff Report**  
**August 21, 2014**

On March 6, 2014, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Homeland Towers (HT) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 10 Blackville Road in Washington, Connecticut. This certificate application was filed jointly by HT and New Cingular Wireless (AT&T), which would be the primary tenant on the tower. Litchfield County Dispatch (LCD) also participated in this docket proceeding as another prospective tenant. In its decision, the Council specified that the approved tower shall be constructed as a monopine and shall not exceed 135 feet in height—140 feet with camouflage branches in place. As required in the Council's Decision and Order, AT&T submitted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this facility on July 11, 2014.

HT's site is located on a 17.3-acre property owned by the Town of Washington, which uses it for its municipal garage and maintenance facility. The D&M plans show that HT would develop a 65-foot by 67-foot compound within a 65-foot by 80-foot lease area. HT's tower is designed as a 135-foot monopine, which would extend to an overall height of 140 feet with its branches in place. The tower is extendible to 145 feet and would have the capacity to accommodate four carriers. The plans indicate that AT&T will install 12 multi-band antennas on a low profile platform at a centerline height of 126 feet above ground level. LCD would install two omnidirectional antennas at a mounting height of 135 feet; the antennas would extend to an overall height of 140 feet. LCD would also install one omnidirectional antenna at a mounting height of 76 feet. The compound would be enclosed by an eight-foot chain link fence and would include an 11'5" by 16' shelter for AT&T's ground equipment. For backup power, AT&T would install a diesel generator with a run time of 48 hours, at full load. Both the equipment shelter and generator would be installed on one 11' 5" by 24' concrete pad. HT's D&M Plan also includes a geotechnical report, on which the design for the tower foundation is based, and the Structural Design Report prepared by Sabre Industries, the manufacturer of the tower.

Vehicular access to the facility would extend from Blackville Road and travel over existing paved areas for a distance of approximately 1,500 feet and then over a new gravel access drive that would be 23 feet long and 12 feet wide. Electric and telephone lines would extend underground north 450 feet from Blackville Road rejoining the combined utility/access road easement and continuing 680 feet to the compound (1,130 feet total).

The D&M plans indicate that HT will install erosion and sedimentation controls consistent with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control* around the area that will be disturbed during construction. These measures will be kept in place during the construction period.

HT has provided notice of commencement of construction beginning subsequent to approval of the D&M plans in accordance with the Regulations of CT State Agencies Section 16-50j-77.

The D&M plans as presented conform to the Council's Decision and Order, and staff recommends approval. Council staff further recommends that approval of requested significant changes to the approved D&M Plan be delegated to Council staff in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-77(b). In accordance with that section, if advance written notice is impractical, the Certificate Holder shall provide verbal notice of the changes and shall submit written specifications to the Council within 48 hours after the verbal notice. All changes pursued without advance notification and approval shall be subject to a penalty, enforceable by the Attorney General pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50u.