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November 15, 2013

Mark. E. Lyon
First Selectman
Town of Washington
P.O. Box 383
Washington Depot, CT 06794

RE: **DOCKET NO. 441** – Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a 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 First Selectman Lyon:

In response to your request of November 13, 2013, on November 14, 2013, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted party status in Docket No. 441 to the Town of Washington.

Please note that the Telecommunications Act of 1996, a law passed by Congress, restricts this Council's actions. For example, this Act prohibits any state or local government agency, including this Council, from regulating telecommunication towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with the FCC's regulations concerning such emissions. Also, this Act blocks state and local government agencies, such as this Council, from prohibiting personal wireless services for any town or area. Finally, this Act prohibits such state and local government agencies from unreasonably discriminating among wireless service providers. We ask that you please keep this in mind when preparing your case.

All filings submitted to the Council must consist of an original and 15 copies with the docket number, properly collated and paginated, and bound. In accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings be sent to siting.council@ct.gov.

The Council's preferred service to parties and intervenors is electronic mail. If you wish to receive hard copies of documents via regular mail, please notify the Council in writing. Parties and intervenors are required to serve all other parties and intervenors a copy of any material submitted in this docket, unless service is waived. A copy of the current service list can be found on the Council's website for this proceeding.

Copies of all documents filed to date in this proceeding are available for your review at the Council's office and on the Council's website under pending proceedings. On the Council website you may sign up for our e-alert service which sends emails when the agenda, agenda minutes, and Pending Proceeding sites are updated. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-16 of the Regulations Connecticut State Agencies, you or your representative are responsible for obtaining and reviewing all of the materials

for the proceeding. Please contact Melanie Bachman, if you require any further information regarding the Council's procedure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melanie Bachman', written in dark ink.

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: Service List dated November 15, 2013