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RE: **DOCKET NO. 444** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the FirstLight Hydro Generating Company property, Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Chiocchio:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on January 8, 2015, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on November 28, 2014, with the condition that the fencing use mesh that is less than two inches.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on November 28, 2014 and additional information received on December 12, 2014. Requests for any changes to the D&M Plan shall be approved by Council staff in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section (RCSA) §16-50j-77(b). Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to RCSA 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 January 8, 2015.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MP/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated January 8, 2015

c: Parties and Intervenors
Patricia Murphy, Mayor, Town of New Milford
Laura Regan, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of New Milford

Docket No. 444

AT&T

Kent Road, New Milford

Development and Management Plan

Staff Report

January 8, 2015

On May 29, 2014, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at New Milford Tax Assessor Map 83, Lot 4, Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut. As required in the Council's Decision and Order (D&O), AT&T submitted a Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan) for this project to the Council, the Town of New Milford, and the Town of Sherman (located within 2,500 feet of the project) on November 28, 2014.

Consistent with the Council's D&O, AT&T will construct a 150-foot monopole at the site. The property consists of a 168.5-acre parcel owned by FirstLight Hydro Generating Company that includes open water associated with Cedar Hill Pond, which was created by a head gate structure impounding a diversion of the Housatonic River specifically for purposes of generating hydroelectric power. The remainder of the site is mostly wooded. As per the D&O, the tower will be constructed in the western portion of the property, approximately 100 feet to the northeast of the originally proposed location.

The tower is designed to meet the ANSI/TIA/EIA-222 Version F and Version G structural standards. The tower and foundation will be capable of supporting four levels of carriers, but are not designed to accommodate an expansion in tower height. AT&T will install 12 panel antennas on an antenna platform at a centerline height of 146 feet above ground level.

AT&T will construct a 75-foot by 75-foot equipment compound within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area at the site. The compound will have an eight-foot high chain link fence. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control. No landscaping is proposed because the compound location is already wooded.

AT&T will install an 11-foot 5-inch by 16-foot equipment shelter within the compound. A separate 50-kilowatt propane-fueled backup generator will be located within the compound, adjacent to the equipment shelter. It will be capable of supplying approximately 57 hours of power before refueling. A 500-gallon propane fuel tank will also be located within the fenced compound. AT&T will also have a battery backup system in order avoid a "re-boot" condition during the generator start-up delay period. The battery backup system could provide four to six hours of backup power. Consistent with the D&O, AT&T has reserved space within the fenced compound for a future shared generator should other carriers co-locate at this facility in the future.

Access to the site will be provided along an existing paved access drive from Kent Road for about 56 feet. The access will continue over a proposed gravel access drive for approximately 470 additional feet to the proposed compound. Utilities will be installed underground from an existing pole on Kent Road to the proposed compound, generally following the access drive.

The cumulative worst-case radio frequency power density level at the base of the tower will be 9.97 percent of the FCC's General Public/Uncontrolled Maximum Permissible Exposure limit.

All of the Development and Management Plan requirements set forth in the Council's Decision & Order for Docket 444 are in compliance; therefore, Council staff recommends approval. Council staff 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.