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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 10, 2013

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 444** – 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 the FirstLight Hydro Generating Company property, Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut.

Comments have been received from the Department of Transportation, received December 10, 2013. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members

Enclosure



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Dear Ms. Bachman:

Subject: Docket 444
Telecommunications Facility
781 Kent Road
Town of New Milford

The Department of Transportation has reviewed the above-mentioned docket and offers the following comments.

The proposed project has utility work within the State of Connecticut right of way and an existing curb cut on State Route 7 (Kent Road) which requires upgrading. Therefore, First Light Hydro Generating Company must obtain a permit pursuant to the Highway Encroachment Permit Regulations in conjunction with the Connecticut General Statutes prior to performing any work within the state right of way.

The District 4 Permit Office will need four complete sets of construction plans which show all work within the state right of way, all site work, and any required easements and standard details for highway construction prior to issuing the encroachment permit.

Should you have any further questions, please contact, Mr. Kurt W. Von Hone, Utility Engineer (Utilities) @ (860) 594-3267.

Very truly yours,

Sohrab Afrazi
Transportation Principal Engineer
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attachments



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Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation
Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Docket # 444

Location: 731 Kent Rd, New Milford

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?
 No
 Yes -- Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.
2. Is access for construction and maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway?
 No
 Yes -- Identify specify needs and access location.
3. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of Way?
 No
 Yes -- Please provide an area and site plan.
4. Is the proposed facility within a two mile radius of any lands classified as preserved scenic land in accordance with CGS Section 13a-85a, "Acquisition of land adjacent to state highways for preservation and enhancement of scenic beauty and development of rest and recreation areas", or any designated scenic road in accordance with CGS Section 13b-31c, "Designation of scenic roads"?

General Facility Description
 Kent Road (U.S. Route 7)
 Map 84, Lot 4
 New Milford, Connecticut
 Owner: FirstLight Hydro Generating Company
 168.5 Acre Parcel

The proposed site is an approximately 168.5 acre parcel located on Kent Road and owned by FirstLight Hydro Generating Company. It is a largely undeveloped property and the location of the Bulls Bridge hydroelectric generation station on the Housatonic River. Cedar Hill Pond is located on the parcel.

The proposed telecommunication facility includes an approximately 100' x 100' lease area located in the southwestern of the parcel. The facility consists of a new self-supporting monopole 150' in height. AT&T would install up to twelve panel antennas and related equipment at a centerline height of 146' above grade level (AGL). The tower would be designed for future shared use of the structure by other competing wireless carriers. An AT&T 12' x 20' equipment shelter would be installed at the tower base on a concrete pad within the tower compound together with provisions for a fixed back-up power generator.

The tower compound would consist of a 75' by 75' area to accommodate AT&T's equipment and provide for future shared use of the facility by other carriers. The tower compound would be enclosed by an 8' foot high chain link fence. Vehicle access to the facility would be provided from Kent Road over the existing paved driveway and then along a dirt road upgraded to a 12' wide gravel driveway to the lower compound. Utility connections would be routed underground from an existing utility pole on Kent Road.



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