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RE: **DOCKET NO. 451** – 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 the Cheshire Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cheshire Tax Assessor Map 38, Lot 180, 1325 Cheshire Street, Cheshire, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Fisher and Laub:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than September 24, 2014. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as send a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies 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. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Copies of your responses shall be provided to all parties and intervenors listed on the service list, which can be found on the Council's pending proceedings website.

Yours very truly,

Melanie Bachman  
Acting Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors

**Docket 451:**  
**Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless (AT&T)**  
**Cheshire, Connecticut**  
**Pre-Hearing Interrogatories, Set One**

1. Of the letters sent to abutting property owners, how many certified mail receipts did HT receive? If any receipts were not returned, which owners did not receive their notice? Did HT make additional attempts to contact those property owners?
2. Pursuant to CGS §16-50o, please submit a copy of the lease for the proposed site.
3. Would any blasting be required for this site?
4. What security measures would be employed to protect vandalism and unwanted intrusions into the facility?
5. To what standard would the proposed tower be designed? What would be the diameter of the tower at its base? At its top?
6. What are the frequencies AT&T is licensed to use in the area covered from the proposed facility?
7. Which of these frequencies will be utilized by AT&T at this site?
8. Identify the adjacent sites with which the proposed facility would hand off signals. Include addresses of these sites.
9. What is the existing signal strength in the area AT&T is seeking to cover from this facility? At which frequencies?
10. Does AT&T have any statistics on dropped calls or other indicators of substandard service in the vicinity of the proposed facility? If so, what do they indicate?
11. What are lengths of the respective coverage gaps on the roads that would be covered from the proposed site? What are the distances that would be covered along these roads from the proposed site?
  - River Road (State Route 70)
  - Nob Hill Road
  - Riverside Drive
  - Redstone Drive
  - Cheshire Street
  - Allen Avenue
12. What is the lowest feasible height at which AT&T's antennas could fulfill the coverage objectives from the proposed facility? What problems would result if AT&T were to install antennas at a lower height? Submit a propagation map showing the coverage at ten feet below this height.

13. How would AT&T provide backup power for its equipment at the proposed facility? What kind of fuel would the backup generator use? How many hours of service would the generator be able to provide before it needs to be refueled?
14. Would AT&T's backup power equipment include any provisions for the protection against fuel spills?
15. Is the proposed site near an "Important Bird Area" as designated by the National Audubon Society?
16. Would Homeland's proposed facility comply with recommended guidelines of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for minimizing the potential for telecommunications towers to impact bird species?
17. Does Homeland have any more detailed information about the potential "cryptic style" vernal pool located near the proposed facility?
18. Has Homeland considered providing one backup power source capable of supplying backup power to all tenants of the proposed facility?
19. Would AT&T be amenable to sharing a backup generator with other tenants of the proposed facility?
20. Are there any Public Safety Answering Points within the coverage area of the proposed facility that are able to accept text-to-911 service?
21. The nearest wetland to the proposed facility is variously described as being at a distance of 150 feet, 127 feet, and 129 feet. Which is the correct distance?