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May 30, 2014

<u>Via Federal Express</u> Mayor Jay Moran Town of Manchester Town Hall 41 Center Street Manchester, Connecticut 06040

Re: American Tower Corp. ("ATC") and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T")
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility
701 Lydall Street
Manchester, Connecticut 06040

Dear Mayor Moran:

We are writing to you on behalf of American Tower Corp. ("ATC") and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") and a proposed wireless telecommunications tower facility to be located at 701 Lydall Street in the Town of Manchester. The purpose of our letter is to commence a formal consultation process with Town officials in accordance with Section 16-50*l* of the Connecticut General Statutes, prior to any application being filed by ATC and AT&T with the State Siting Council. Enclosed you will find a detailed Technical Report which includes information on the need for the proposed tower and the environmental effects of the project as identified at this time. To assist Manchester and adjacent municipal reviews of the project, our letter outlines some of the relevant facts contained in the report as well as a request to meet with you or your designee to obtain feedback on the project.

AT&T Network & Wireless Services in Manchester

AT&T's wireless network is Manchester is currently served by sites constructed over the past 20 plus years. As the demand for wireless services has increased over time and technology advanced, so too has the need for additional infrastructure to provide reliable service in homes, vehicles and around the community. AT&T is actively working on improvements to its wireless network in Manchester, one of which involves municipally owned property in southern Manchester.

The Proposed Facility

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As noted in the enclosed Technical Report, a facility in this area of Manchester on the Vernon and Bolton municipal borders will provide improved 4G LTE service to thousands of residents, along several miles of main and secondary roads and over a larger geographic area in the northeastern area of the Manchester community. AT&T's search for a wireless site in this area of Manchester focused first on trying to identify any existing tall structures, any existing wireless site locations and finally any larger non-residential parcels where a tower facility might be constructed. As noted in Section 2 of the Technical Report, there are no structures of sufficient height in the immediate area and other tower sites were not considered technically viable for AT&T's purposes in serving this area of the state. The subject parcel at 701 Lydall Street was a location that otherwise met AT&T's technical criteria and is a large parcel where ATC could design a tower to minimize community visibility of a new structure.

The project as currently proposed would consist of a new 104' tall monopole with antennas located at a centerline height of 100' AGL. The tower and fenced equipment area at the base are further designed to support the antennas and equipment of at least one other major FCC licensed wireless carrier. Access and utilities to the facility would be over an existing dirt driveway and proposed limited use 12' wide gravel access driveway to be extended from Lydall Street. The facility would be unmanned with no sanitary or water facilities and generates on average 1 vehicle trip per month by each wireless carrier consisting of a service technician in a light duty van or truck.

State Considerations - Balance Need for a Tower with Environmental Effects

Connecticut State policy generally recognizes the need for new wireless facilities to serve the public and has designated the State Siting Council as the state agency with responsibility for reviewing specific tower proposals. The Siting Council's focus is on balancing the need for a tower on a case by case basis with any significant adverse environmental effects. In this regard we note for the Town the following initial findings by the project sponsors as set forth more fully in the enclosed Technical Report:

- This tower site will bring new reliable AT&T 4G LTE wireless service to thousands of residents of Manchester and Vernon and provide service along several local roads and at places in the community frequented by the public.
- Environmental effects principally involve localized visibility of the top of the tower structure from a few residences and other nearby properties as identified in the Preliminary Visibility Memorandum included behind Tab 5 of the Technical Report.
- At this time, there are no known alternative tower sites that would meet technical requirements, are available for lease or acquisition for construction of a tower site or which would better balance environmental effects associated with a new tower facility in the community.

The Siting Council will be called upon to evaluate the need for a tower, lack of viable alternatives and environmental effects once an application is filed with the agency. Based on ATC's due diligence, it is their belief that there will be no significant environmental or visual impacts to the community from the project.



Manchester Town Input & Procedural Next Steps

We are providing the enclosed Technical Report to the Town of Manchester in accordance with Section 16- 50*l* of the Connecticut General Statutes, which requires consultation with a municipality in which a tower facility is proposed prior to submission of an application with the Siting Council. Jurisdiction over any proposed cellular tower facility rests exclusively with the Siting Council and would be in lieu of local zoning, wetlands and other types of municipal land use review and approvals. Section 16-50*l* also requires consultation with any municipality located within 2,500' of a proposed facility. AT&T's proposed facility is located within 2,500' of the boundary of the Town of Bolton and the Town of Vernon. Thus, the enclosed Technical Report is also being provided to the Towns of Bolton and Vernon.

The purpose of local consultation is to give the municipality in which a facility has been proposed an opportunity to provide the prospective applicant with any recommendations, alternatives or preferences it may have prior to the filing of an application with the Siting Council. At this time, we would like to meet with you or your designee and the Town Planner to discuss the project in greater detail and obtain Manchester's initial feedback. At that meeting, we can also discuss the Town's interest if any in coordinating a public information meeting as provided for in Connecticut General Statutes.

In advance, we thank you for your consideration and will follow this correspondence with a call to your office to discuss next steps in greater detail. If there is another Town official you'd like to designate to assist in administering the consultation process on behalf of the community, please let us know and we will be happy to coordinate with them. We look forward to meeting with you further on this project and learning more about Manchester's interests, concerns and any recommendations prior to filing an application with the State Siting Council.

Very Truly yours, Christopher B. Tisher

Enclosures Eric Prause, Chairman Manchester Planning & Zoning/Inland Wetlands Agency cc: John Weedon, Chairman Manchester Conservation Commission First Selectman Town of Bolton Town of Bolton Planning & Zoning Commission Town of Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission Town of Bolton Conservation Commission Mayor Town of Vernon Town of Vernon Administrator Town of Vernon Planning & Zoning Commission Town of Vernon Inland/Wetlands Commission Town of Vernon Conservation Commission Abby Jewett, AT&T Jennifer Young Gaudet, HPC Wireless Services Blake Paynter, American Tower Corp.

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July 17, 2014

<u>VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL</u> Mayor Jay Moran Town of Manchester Town Hall, 41 Center Street Manchester, Connecticut 06040

Re: American Tower Corp. ("ATC") and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T") Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility 701 Lydall Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06040

Dear Mayor Moran:

We are writing to you on behalf of American Tower Corp. ("ATC") and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T") in furtherance of a new cellular tower facility proposed on Lydall Street in Manchester. In conversations with the Town of Manchester's planner, Ms. Bertotti, in furtherance of our May 30, 2014 correspondence and a technical report we filed on ATC and AT&T's behalf, we were asked to provide additional visual information regarding the project. We're pleased to enclose the results of a visual study that was recently completed and which is dated July 2014. The report demonstrates the lack of significant visibility of the tower structure in the surrounding community and includes a narrative, updated viewshed map and photosimulations. We will follow up with Ms. Bertotti directly to discuss any further consultation and feedback Manchester may have on this project and prior to any application being filed with the State Siting Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Christopher B. Fisher Enclosure

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