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December 12, 2014

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MAB*

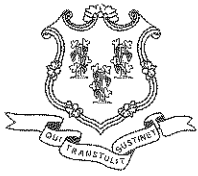
RE: **DOCKET NO. 454** – Tower Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Farmington Tax Assessor Parcel ID Maps 25 and 26, Lots 3A and 3B, 199 Brickyard Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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c: Secretary of the State (via e-mail service)
Council Members
Application Service Recipients
United Reporters
Joseph Reese, Tech Theatrical Services



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Farmington Town Hall, Council Chambers, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from Tower Holdings, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Farmington Tax Assessor Parcel ID Maps 25 and 26, Lots 3A and 3B, 199 Brickyard Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, maintenance, and operation of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility, weather permitting.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by January 27, 2015. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before January 27, 2015.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.



Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the hearing. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Farmington Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by January 27, 2015.

The applicant is represented by the following:

Applicant

Their Representative

Tower Holdings, LLC

Jesse A. Langer, Esq.
Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C.
265 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on the Council website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 454.

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TO: Thomas Regan, Esq., Brown Rudnick LLP
Julie D. Kohler, Esq., Cohen and Wolf P.C.
Michele Thomas, T-Mobile
Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq., Robinson & Cole LLP
Sandy Carter, Verizon Wireless

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

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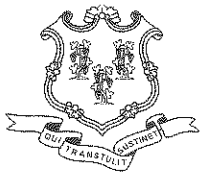
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In furtherance of the state tower sharing policy pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50aa, we ask that each telecommunications carrier affirmatively state whether that carrier would likely seek to be located on this proposed facility at any time within the foreseeable future. If any carrier would like to participate in this proceeding, a response on or before January 27, 2015, will be appreciated.

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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee
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Department of Agriculture

Commissioner Jewel Mullen
Department of Public Health

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Council on Environmental Quality

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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Catherine Smith
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Community Development

Thomas A. Harley, P.E., Chief Engineer
Bureau of Engineering and Construction
Department of Transportation

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Engineering & Environmental
Connecticut Airport Authority

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director
Connecticut Airport Authority

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Director of Arts & Historic Preservation
State Historic Preservation Office

Todd Levine
Historian/Environmental Reviewer
State Historic Preservation Office

Commissioner Dora B. Schriro
Department of Emergency Services
and Public Protection

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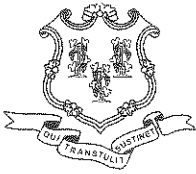
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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced application. Your response on or before January 27, 2015 would be appreciated.

You may access the application and other documents for this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings."

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Deb Bull
Town of Farmington
bulld@farmington-ct.org

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Dear Ms. Bull:

Confirming our telephone conversation of November 17, 2014, I appreciate the reservation of the Council Chambers at the Farmington Town Hall for a public hearing on February 3, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary II

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Seating Arrangements:

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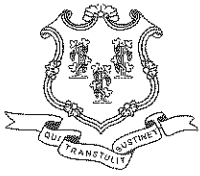
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public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
454141212
The Hartford Courant
285 Broad St.
Hartford, CT 06115

FROM: Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary II 

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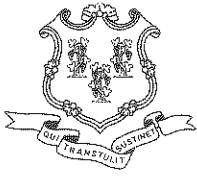
Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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The Honorable Nancy Nickerson
Chairman Town Council
Town of Farmington
1 Monteith Drive
Farmington, CT 06032-1053

RE: **Hearing Date – February 3, 2015** in connection with **DOCKET NO. 454** – Tower Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Farmington Tax Assessor Parcel ID Maps 25 and 26, Lots 3A and 3B, 199 Brickyard Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

Dear Chairman Nickerson:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your municipality in connection with the above-referenced application. Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50m, "...at least one hearing session shall be held at a location selected by the Council in the county in which the facility or any part thereof is to be located after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. The Town of Farmington was granted party status in this proceeding on December 11, 2014.

After an application is filed with the Council, a public inspection of the proposed site and at least one public hearing are held in the host municipality to hear concerns from residents.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event that you have legal questions, please contact our Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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