

February 25, 2016

VIA EMAIL & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Re: Docket 463 - Replacement Tower Site Application

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing to you on behalf of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") and in furtherance of Docket 463 involving a proposed replacement tower for the existing tower issued a Certificate in Docket 67.

As the Council is aware, for the past year plus, AT&T has been engaged in communications with various representatives of the Orchards and the developer, The Orchards at East Lyme Development, Inc in an effort at keeping the existing Docket 67 communications tower facility in its current location. Over the past two months, and at the request of various stakeholders in the community, AT&T's focus has been specifically on: 1) securing a further lease extension for the existing Docket 67 tower site through 2017; and 2) exploring a redeveloped tower site in the general location of the existing Docket 67 tower site. We're pleased to advise the Council that the Orchards and AT&T have been working closely together to explore such options and significant progress has been made.

As you know, today is the Council's deadline for submission of any post hearing comments in Docket 463 and the matter is on the Council's March 3rd agenda for review of draft findings of fact. On behalf of the Applicants, we are writing to advise the Council that we will not be submitting a post hearing brief or proposed findings of fact for the Council's review and consideration in Docket 463. We do note, however, that based on all the facts adduced before the Council in the proceeding, and in the absence of an agreement for an alternative site location, the proposed facility in Docket 463 is the only and best available site needed to maintain continuity of service in the event the existing Docket 67 tower must be removed.

At this time and as a procedural matter, we are asking the Council to move forward with its deliberations on the Application in Docket 463 in accordance with the Council's typical schedule. This given the current risk to AT&T and T-Mobile that service to their customers and the public will be interrupted if a replacement tower facility cannot be permitted and constructed by December 2016 (and the existing facility dismantled). Of course, in the event an agreement is reached by AT&T with the Orchards prior to a Council decision in Docket 463, we will so advise you and the Council so we may discuss the next procedural steps related to both Dockets.

Additionally, having received some requests for a status update from various parties and intervenors on AT&T's discussion with the Orchards, we do wish to advise the Council and such parties through this correspondence, that AT&T remains committed to its ongoing good faith negotiations with the Orchards through the end of March. AT&T's efforts in this regard are notably being pursued so as to potentially meet all stakeholder's goals and objectives as articulated in the Docket 463 proceedings and public hearing process. In the interim, thank you and the Council for your continued review in Docket 463.

Very truly yours,



Christopher B. Fisher

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