

December 7, 2015

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Hon. Robert Stein, Chairman
and Members of the Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Re: Connecticut Siting Council Docket 463
American Towers, LLC (ATC) & New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility
351A Boston Post Road, Connecticut

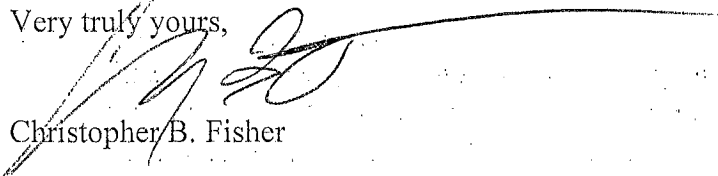
Dear Chairman Stein and Members of the Siting Council:

On behalf of American Towers, LLC (ATC) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) and in connection with the above referenced Certificate Application, enclosed please find the following:

1. Applicants Pre-hearing Information with Attachments;
2. Applicants Pre-filed Statement of Facts; and
3. Applicants Newspaper Affidavit of Publication

Should the Siting Council or Staff have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,


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Matthew Russell, ATC
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF AMERICAN TOWERS LLC
(ATC) AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS,
LLC (AT&T) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER FACILITY IN
EAST LYME, CONNECTICUT

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APPLICANT'S PRE-FILED STATEMENT OF FACTS IN LIEU OF DIRECT TESTIMONY

- AT&T requires a new wireless facility in East Lyme to replace service from an existing tower site approved in Docket 67, and now located in The Orchards development, a tower which is slated for decommissioning when the lease term expires, a lease the property owner refuses to extend long term.
- AT&T and T-Mobile both provide services to the public from the existing tower site location in The Orchards and are pursuing long term replacement facilities to avoid interruptions in service and continue to provide reliable mobile connectivity in this part of East Lyme.
- The site search for a replacement tower dates back to early 2014 and includes work undertaken by various tower companies and site acquisition firms. The site search includes preliminary municipal consultations by AT&T in the Fall of 2014 that extended through the Summer of 2015.
- AT&T investigated and evaluated well over thirty (30) potential sites, not all of which are in the site search areas or listed, including a list of Town suggested locations.
- AT&T coordinated with two tower companies that controlled by lease, separate and alternative tower sites for consideration in this area of East Lyme, and on June 5, 2015, AT&T filed technical reports with Town of East Lyme officials pursuant to Section 16-50j of state law: Site A off Ancient Highway or Site B 351A Boston Post Road.
- Site A off Ancient Highway was issued an adverse effect determination by the Mohegan Tribal Historic Preservation Officer due to identified ceremonial landscapes located on properties along Ancient Highway.
- A third alternative site suggested by the Town was also evaluated by AT&T and found to be in the same area where the Mohegan Tribe identified ceremonial landscapes.
- AT&T's 16-50j municipal consultation with the Town of East Lyme included a public information meeting held on July 29, 2015 where members of the community and Town officials had an opportunity to discuss the proposed tower relocation project with representatives of AT&T.
- AT&T subsequently terminated its lease for Site A and ceased any further efforts at siting a tower along Ancient Highway as part of a proposed relocation of the existing tower Certificated in Docket 67.

- At this point in time, one potential tower replacement site (previously referred to as Site B during municipal consultations) has been identified by AT&T for relocation of its facilities to serve most of the areas of East Lyme currently served by the tower in The Orchards.
- On October 5, 2015, AT&T and ATC jointly filed an Application with the State Siting Council for a Certificate.

Dated: December 7, 2015

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