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November 15, 2016

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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Richard J. Johnson Town Manager Town of Glastonbury Town Hall 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Eco-Site, Inc. & T-Mobile Northeast Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility <u>63 Woodland Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut</u>

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to you on behalf of Eco-Site, Inc. ("Eco-Site") with respect to its proposal to construct a wireless communications tower facility at 63 Woodland Street in southern Glastonbury. The purpose of our letter is to commence a formal consultation process with you and other Town of Glastonbury officials prior to any application being filed by Eco-Site and T-Mobile Northeast ("T-Mobile") with the State of Connecticut Siting Council. Enclosed you will find a detailed Technical Report prepared by Eco-Site which includes information on T-Mobile's need for the new tower, alternatives evaluated and the environmental effects of the project as identified at this time.

Background and Wireless Services to be Provided

Eco-Site is a company that specializes in the development of tower infrastructure to serve a community's wireless communications needs and works closely with municipalities, landowners and commercial wireless carriers such as T-Mobile. This specific project is one of several that Eco-Site and T-Mobile representatives are collaborating on in an overall effort to provide reliable wireless services in Connecticut.

The growth in consumer use of mobile data and overall network demands continue to rise and requires the development of additional wireless infrastructure to reliably serve the public. With its large land area and varied terrain, identifying locations for wireless infrastructure to serve the Glastonbury community can be challenging.

As noted in the Technical Report materials including data from T-Mobile, this proposed tower facility would provide reliable service to over 600 residents in the area and several miles of roads. Current gaps in reliable service are notable and this proposed facility is one that will address coverage deficiencies and capacity constraints in T-Mobile's network and be available for collocation by other carriers to provide coverage and capacity in Glastonbury.

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The Tower Project

Eco-Site would own, maintain and operate the tower facility subject to any approval the Connecticut Siting Council may issue for the project. The project as currently proposed would consist of a 150' monopole structure within a fenced compound on an approximately 177 acre wooded parcel of land. T-Mobile would lease space for its antennas and equipment in the tower site compound. Should the Town EMS, fire or police services have a need, they could be accommodated at the tower site. The tower and fenced compound are further designed to support the antennas and equipment of other FCC licensed wireless carriers. The facility will be unmanned with no sanitary or water facilities and will generate an average of one vehicle trip per month by each carrier at the site, consisting of a service technician in a light duty van or truck.

State Siting Council - Balance Of Need With Environmental Impact

Connecticut State policy generally recognizes the need for new towers to serve the public and has designated the Connecticut Siting Council as the state agency with responsibility for reviewing and approving specific tower proposals. The Siting Council will be called on to evaluate this proposal once an application is filed with the agency. The Siting Council's focus is on balancing the need for a tower on a case-by-case basis with any significant adverse environmental impacts. Jurisdiction over any proposed cellular telecommunications 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.

Town Input & Procedural Next Steps

Eco-Site is providing the enclosed Technical Report to the Town of Glastonbury in accordance with Section 16-50*l* of the Connecticut General Statutes. The statute requires consultation with a municipality in which a tower facility is proposed prior to submission of an application with the Siting Council. The purpose of the local consultation is to give the municipality in which the facility has been proposed an opportunity to provide the prospective applicant with any recommendations or preferences it may have prior to the filing of an application with the Siting Council.

Upon review of Section 16-50*l*(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes, you will note that municipalities also have the option of conducting a noticed public information session on any proposed cellular tower facility. State law requires any such information session to be held by the Town during the first 60 days of the 90-day period afforded to the municipalities for consultation with a prospective Siting Council applicant. As such, should Glastonbury elect to conduct a public information meeting regarding this project, it should occur on or before January 15, 2017. For such public information sessions, our typical practice is for introductions to be made by a municipal official, have the project team make a presentation (usually a power point) and then respond to public questions moderated by a local official or agency.

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In advance of any public information session, we and Eco-Site representatives would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and the Town Planning Director to discuss the project in greater detail. Additionally, Eco-Site's visual consultants will be conducting a balloon float and field leaf-off field review in the coming weeks and thereafter produce photosimulations and a final visual assessment that we plan on sharing with the Town as part of the technical consultation process. To the extent the Town has specific areas it would like to see photo documented as to potential visibility and this tower proposal we would like to make sure that is included and coordinated as part of the visual experts' scope of work.

In advance, we thank you for your consideration and will follow this correspondence with a call to your office to discuss next steps regarding the municipal consultation process. We look forward to meeting with you further on this project and learning more about Glastonbury's interests and any recommendations prior to filing an application with the Siting Council.

Very truly yours

Christopher B. Fisher cc: Glastonbury Agencies Eco-Site T-Mobile Daniel Laub, Esq.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the enclosed technical report was sent by overnight delivery to the following:

Mr. Richard J. Johnson Town Manager Town of Glastonbury Town Hall 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033 Phone: 860-652-7710

Ms. Khara Dodds Director of Land Use & Planning Services Town of Glastonbury Town Hall 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033 Phone: (860) 652-7515

Town Plan & Zoning Commission Town of Glastonbury Town Hall 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033 Phone: (860) 652-7515

Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency (IWWA) Town of Glastonbury Town Hall 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033 Phone: (860) 652-7515

Dated: November 15, 2016

Daniel M. Laub

Laub, Daniel M.

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Richard Johnson <richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov> Monday, January 23, 2017 3:55 PM Laub, Daniel M. Fisher, Christopher Communication Tower

Attorney Laub,

Per our discussion of Friday afternoon, the public information hearing scheduled in Glastonbury for tomorrow evening – Tuesday, January 24th – is postponed. I understand you will coordinate a new balloon float with advance notice so property owners can view.

Additional information will also be forwarded for posting to the Town web site.

A new public information hearing can be scheduled over coming weeks; however, please note the Town Council will have a busy month of February with budget workshops and zoning hearings.

Can you confirm back to me the general schedule you expect so that plans can be reasonably reviewed as possible? I assume you will waive any time limits under applicable general statutes for the informal community review process.

Many thanks.

Richard

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager Town of Glastonbury 2155 Main Street P. O. Box 6523 Glastonbury, CT 06033-6523 Phone: (860) 652-7500 Fax: (860) 652-7505 e-mail: <u>Richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov</u>

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Laub, Daniel M.

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Laub, Daniel M. Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:22 AM richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov Eco-site

Good morning Richard,

Following up with you as Eco-site is looking to move ahead again with the consultation for the proposed wireless site. I'd like to plan out with you next steps including notice, balloon float and public information session and best timing for you and town officials. I'm out of the office today but will be checking emails and if there's a good time to have a call tomorrow or Monday your time would be appreciated.

Best regards, Dan

Laub, Daniel M.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Richard Johnson <richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov> Wednesday, July 12, 2017 10:39 AM Laub, Daniel M. Communication Tower

Dan,

I wanted to confirm - the public hearing is now formally scheduled for 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Glastonbury Town Hall, 2155 Main Street.

If you need any technology for slides, etc., please let me know and I'll make arrangements accordingly.

If anything changes or you want to discuss, please let me know.

Richard

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager Town of Glastonbury P. O. Box 6523 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033 e-mail <u>richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov</u> telephone 860.652.7500 fax 860.652-7505

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TOWN OF GLASTONBURY

PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING

COMMUNICATION TOWER

August 1, 2017

The Town Council will hold a Public Information Hearing at <u>8:00 p.m. on Tuesday</u>, <u>August 1, 2017</u> in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, to hear a presentation and receive public comment on the proposed location of a 150 foot communication tower at property located at 63 Woodland Street.

A balloon float is scheduled for **8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, July 18, 2017.** In the event of unsuitable weather, the balloon float will be rescheduled for July 20th or 21st.

The Technical Report prepared by Eco-Site and T-Mobile is posted to the Town web site at <u>www.glastonbury-ct.gov</u> – "Community News".

Updates will also be posted to the Town's web site.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 16:501 (g) of the Connecticut General Statutes of a public information meeting to be held at the Glastonbury Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT on August 1, 2017 at 8:00pm. The meeting will be in furtherance of a technical report on file with the Town of Glastonbury for a proposal by Eco-Site, inc. and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC to construct a 150° wireless telecom-munications tower facility (the "Facility") at 63 Woodland Street, identified on the Tax Assessor's Map as Map G11, Block 7800, Lot W0002 (the "Property"). The Property is an approximately 177 acre parele which is currently improved with residential and out buildings. The Facility is proposed to allow T-Mobile and other wireless carriers to provide wireless communications services in this area of Glastonbury. At the meet-ing, representatives will discuss the need for the facility and identify the potential environmental effects of the proposed facility informational meeting is being conducted at the request of the Town of Glastonbury in advance of a formal application to be filed with the State of Connecticut Sting Council which has jurisdiction over wireless tower facilities. which has jurisdiction over wireless tower facilities.





NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 16-50*l*(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes, of a public information meeting to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers, located at 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury CT, 06033 on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 scheduled for 8:00 pm. The public information meeting will be in furtherance of a technical report on file with the Town of Glastonbury for a proposal by Eco-Site to construct a wireless telecommunications tower facility (the "Facility") at 63 Woodland Street, Glastonbury owned by Paul J. Cavanna (the "Property"). The tower is proposed to extend to an overall height of 150' above grade. The Facility is proposed to allow T-Mobile, the anchor tenant, to provide wireless service in this area of Glastonbury. At the meeting, Eco-Site representatives will discuss the need for the facility, the location of existing surrounding facilities, identify the proposed site under consideration, list other sites or areas considered and rejected, and identify the potential environmental effects of the proposed facility including visibility of the tower Facility. This public informational meeting is being conducted at the request of the Town of Glastonbury in advance of a formal application to be filed with the State of Connecticut Siting Council which has jurisdiction over wireless tower facilities.