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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 487** – Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 183 Soundview Lane, New Canaan, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Chiochio and Patrick:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than July 2, 2020. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available. At this time, consistent with the Council's policy to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, please submit an electronic copy only to siting.council@ct.gov. However, please be advised that the Council may later request one or more hard copies for records retention purposes.

Copies of your responses shall be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List

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Set Two

34. Referencing Tab 12 of the Application, submit a copy of the signed and dated Certification of Service on federal, state and municipal agencies.

Site/tower

35. Provide the widths of the proposed monopole (i.e. faux “tree trunk”) at the base and at the top.
36. Referencing the Applicants’ response to Council interrogatory 5, how would New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) recover the cost of its equipment for this project?
37. Referencing Tab 8 of the Application, Visual Assessment, page 6, it states, “The nearest school building is located +/-250 feet from the Host Property.” Referencing Sheet SP-1 of the Supplemental Submission dated May 27, 2020, should it be “...+/- 250 feet from the proposed facility?”
38. Referencing the Applicants’ response to Council interrogatory 21, which wireless carrier expressed an interest in co-locating at the proposed facility? What is the status of any discussions with the wireless carrier regarding co-location? Would such wireless carrier co-locate at a centerline height of 71 feet, directly below AT&T? As an update, has the Town of New Canaan expressed an interest in co-locating emergency service antennas on the proposed facility?
39. Referencing the Applicants’ Supplemental Submission dated May 27, 2020, Sheet C-1, what is the height of the walk-in equipment cabinet?

Alternatives

40. Referencing the Applicants’ response to Council interrogatory 20, the search ring is a circle with a ¾-mile radius and centered at the proposed site. Referencing Tab 2 of the Application, Properties Investigated by Homeland Towers, the Applicants note that Homeland Towers, LLC (Homeland) investigated 23 sites “in and around the New Canaan search area.” Provide an updated and expanded view of Application Tab 2, Figure 1 (Aerial Map of Homeland Towers Search and Proposed Site) with a ¾-mile radius search ring circle depicted and centered on the proposed site.
41. Referencing the Applicants’ response to Wiley interrogatory 29, explain why AT&T’s radio frequency engineers determined that a tower facility at 1160 Smith Ridge Road would not provide service to the area intended to be covered by the proposed facility.

Cost

42. Did any of the cost numbers on page 27 of the Application materially change as a result of the Applicants’ Supplemental Submission dated May 27, 2020? Explain.

Coverage/Capacity

43. Referencing Tab 1 of the Application, Radio Frequency Analysis Report (RF Report), please provide tables for 850 MHz, 1900 MHz and 2100 MHz based on the existing coverage gap data similar in format to Table 1 on page 3 of the RF Report.
44. Referencing the response to Council interrogatory 14, please provide the distances and directions from the proposed facility to each hand-off site.
45. Referencing the Applicants' response to Council interrogatory 15, the Applicants' state that, "The site is primarily intended to provide additional coverage to the objective area, but as with all new sites, it will also enhance capacity." Identify any adjacent site sectors that the proposed facility would provide capacity relief for, if applicable. Also, if applicable, would the proposed facility extend the projected capacity exhaustion dates for any adjacent site sectors?

Backup power

46. Referencing Tab 4 of the Application, Sheet C-1, the originally proposed backup generator had an approximate run time of 48 hours. Provide the updated run time based on the generator configuration identified in the Applicants' Supplemental Submission dated May 27, 2020.
47. Referencing the Applicants' response to Council interrogatory 22, is the generator fluid containment and alarm measures information still applicable to the revised/updated generator configuration? If no, please update.

Environment

48. Referencing Tab 8 of the Application, Photo-Simulations, there are some photo locations that are identified as "crane visible through trees" that are farther away from the proposed tower site than some photo locations that are identified as "not visible." For example, Location Nos. 6 and 7 are visible through the trees while Location Nos. 3, 5 and 8 are not visible. Is this due to topography? Explain.
49. Describe the visibility of the proposed facility from the following locations:
 - a) St. Luke's School;
 - b) The Sosnick property at 144 Soundview Lane;
 - c) The Sweeney property at 155 Soundview Lane; and
 - d) The Wiley property at 173 Soundview Lane.
50. Referencing the Supplemental Submission dated May 27, 2020, Sheet CP-1, sound attenuation blankets are proposed along the southeast and southwest sides of the compound. Explain why the sound attenuation blankets are not proposed along the northeast and northwest sides also.
51. Would any fuels be stored on site during construction? If so, provide fuel storage/spill prevention control details.
52. Referencing the Applicants' response to Council interrogatory 12, would the calculated agricultural soil impact areas be materially affected by the revisions in the Supplemental Submission dated May 27, 2020? Explain.

53. Please submit photographic site documentation with notations linked to the site plans or a detailed aerial image that identify locations of site-specific and representative site features. The submission should include photographs of the site from public road(s) or publicly accessible area(s) as well as Site-specific locations depicting site features including, but not necessarily limited to, the following locations as applicable:

For each photo, please indicate the photo viewpoint direction and stake or flag the locations of site-specific and representative site features. Site-specific and representative site features include, but are not limited to, as applicable:

1. wetlands, watercourses and vernal pools;
2. forest/forest edge areas;
3. agricultural soil areas;
4. sloping terrain;
5. proposed stormwater control features;
6. nearest residences;
7. Site access and interior access road(s);
8. utility pads/electrical interconnection(s);
9. clearing limits/property lines;
10. mitigation areas; and
11. any other noteworthy features relative to the Project.

A photolog graphic must accompany the submission, using a site plan or a detailed aerial image, depicting each numbered photograph for reference. For each photo, indicate the photo location number and viewpoint direction, and clearly identify the locations of site-specific and representative site features shown (e.g., physical staking/flagging or other means of marking the subject area).

The submission shall be delivered electronically in a legible portable document format (PDF) with a maximum file size of <20MB. If necessary, multiple files may be submitted and clearly marked in terms of sequence.