

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE:
APPLICATION OF HOMELAND TOWERS, LLC
AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC d/b/a
AT&T FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 183
SOUNDVIEW LANE, TOWN OF NEW CANAAN,
CONNECTICUT
DOCKET NO. 487


PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF STEVEN SOSNICK

Steven Sosnick, hereby submits the following pre-filed testimony:

1. I am over the age of eighteen. I am an intervenor in this proceeding and submit this Pre-Filed Testimony based upon my personal knowledge.
2. My wife Miriam and I live at 144 Soundview Lane, near 183 Soundview Lane, the location of the proposed tower.
3. We purchased our home in 1999.
4. Our home is a two story colonial with four bedrooms and four and one-half baths located on 4.16 acres. It was built in 1970.
5. This is a link to a photograph of the front of our home on the New Canaan Assessor's web site:

<http://appraisalonline.newcanaanct.gov/PropertyPics/00/00/44/12.JPG>
6. We will have a direct line of site to the proposed tower from our driveway, front yard, master bedroom and master bath.
7. Attached below (Exhibit 1) is a photograph taken in the direction of the proposed tower from our master bedroom.

8. My cellular service is provided by AT&T. I personally conducted field tests of cellular coverage utilizing the field test function available on my phone at different locations on Soundview Lane, and found that signal strength was generally adequate, although not ideal..
9. My wife and I are quite concerned that construction of the proposed tower will adversely affect the natural and rural character of our neighborhood, which is a quiet and serene four acre subdivision with abundant plantings, trees and wildlife.
10. We believe that the construction of the proposed tower will have a significant negative visual impact.
11. We are also extremely concerned that the construction of the proposed tower will have a significant negative impact on the value of our property, making it difficult and perhaps impossible for us to sell at a reasonable price.
12. I have been advised that, although difficult to quantify, if constructed, the proposed tower will have a significant adverse effect on the value of my home.
13. I had planned to offer photographic evidence regarding the visibility of the proposed tower from the balloon test. I have learned that the Siting Council has cancelled the balloon test. Consequently, I will be unable to offer that evidence.
14. A cellular tower should not be constructed in a residential neighborhood such as ours, especially when there are alternative locations, such as the property at 1160 Smith Ridge Road, where a tower can be constructed that would not be visible from any other residence.



STEVEN SOSNICK

I hereby certify that on this day the foregoing was sent electronically to the Connecticut Siting Council and the service list below.

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Exhibit 1, view from Sosnick Master Bedroom



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