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PARTY STATUS REQUEST FORM

Docket/Petition No.

487

Town/City

New Canaan

Date

04/08/2020

Name:

Hugh C. Wiley and Judith R. Wiley

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173 Soundview Lane

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1. Manner in which party's legal rights, duties, or privileges will be specifically affected by the agency's decision in this contested case:

Hugh and Judy Wiley ("Petitioners") live at 173 Soundview Lane, which abuts 183 Soundview Lane, the location of the proposed tower.

According to the Application, the Petitioners' property line is 305 feet from the proposed compound, and 347 feet from the proposed tower.

The Wileys will have a direct line of sight to the tower from their driveway, front yard, front windows, side and rear yards, and swimming pool. Construction of the tower at the location proposed by the Applicant will substantially and specifically affect the Petitioners and the value of their property.

The proposed tower will adversely affect the natural and rural character of their neighborhood.

Construction of the proposed tower will have a significant negative visual impact.

2. Manner and extent to which party proposes to participate:

Petitioners will offer testimony regarding the probable visibility of the tower from various locations on their property, which they will supplement after he "balloon fly".

The Petitioners will also testify regarding their concerns regarding the substantial adverse impact construction of the tower will have on the value of their property, and their ability to sell their property at all. The Wileys contend that a tower should not be constructed in a quiet four acre subdivision. It is not in keeping with the residential nature of the area and will damage the natural vistas that they and their neighbors now enjoy.

The Petitioners will also offer evidence that the Application does not comply with New Canaan zoning regulations relating to the siting, screening and location of cell towers.

In addition, the Wileys will offer evidence of an alternative location that was once considered by the Applicant, but apparently not pursued for financial reasons. This location offers the same if not superior cellular service which will accomplish the same if not provide superior cellular coverage for the area. This alternative location is at 1160 Smith Ridge Road, adjacent to State Route 123, approximately 1.4 miles north of the cellular tower at the New Canaan Country Club, on a parcel of land that is adjacent to land owned by the New Canaan Land Trust and a large parcel of land owned by the Town of New Canaan. According to the Applicant, the site is at an elevation of 551'+/- AMSL.

3. Statutory authority for party request:

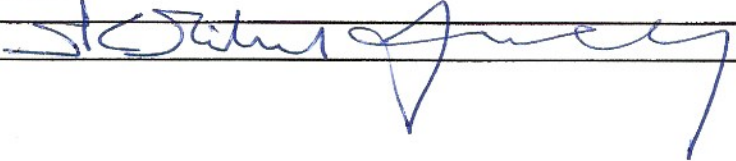
Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-50n(a)(4)... and 4-177a(a)

4. Nature of evidence party intends to present:

Please see above for a summary of the testimony Petitioners intend to present in the form of the oral testimony of Hugh Wiley. The Petitioners will also offer documentary evidence regarding the viable alternative location which they believe Applicants did not adequately consider, including drawings showing the location of the proposed location, its proximity to land owned by the New Canaan Land Trust and land owned by the Town of New Canaan, an RF propagation analysis that was prepared in the past for a proposed tower location nearby on Michigan Road, showing the extensive coverage that would likely be obtained from a tower at this location, and a letter sent to AT&T regarding the availability of this alternative location. The ability of Petitioners to present additional evidence may be impaired by the Covid-19 virus and the Governor's Executive Orders directing that non-essential workers work only from home.

Copies of this request are required to be electronically mailed to all participants on the service list, which can be found on our website in Pending Proceedings under the appropriate docket or petition number, at least five days before the date of the public hearing.

Signature



Date

4/8/2020