

1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
2 CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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4 FEASIBILITY PROCEEDING  
5 FP-ATT-083-211214  
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7 New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Request to  
8 Initiate Feasibility Proceeding for shared use of  
9 an existing municipal communications tower located  
10 at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut  
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12 VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE  
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14 Remote Public Comment Session held on Thursday,  
15 February 17, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
16 via remote access.  
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19 H e l d B e f o r e:

20 JOHN MORISSETTE, Presiding Officer  
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25 Reporter: Lisa L. Warner, CSR #061

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            BY:   **CHRISTOPHER B. FISHER, ESQ.**  
                **KRISTIN MOTEL, ESQ.**

**Also present:   Aaron Demarest, Zoom co-host**

**\*\*All participants were present via remote access.**

1 MR. MORISSETTE: This remote public  
2 hearing is called to order this Thursday, February  
3 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. My name is John  
4 Morissette, member and presiding officer of the  
5 Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the  
6 Council are Kenneth Collette, designee for  
7 Commissioner Katie Dykes of the Department of  
8 Energy and Environmental Protection; Quat Nguyen,  
9 designee for Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett of  
10 the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; and we  
11 have Robert Silvestri; Louanne Cooley; Daniel P.  
12 Lynch, Jr.; and Mark Quinlan.

13 Members of the staff are Melanie  
14 Bachman, executive director and staff attorney;  
15 Michael Perrone, siting analyst; and Lisa  
16 Fontaine, fiscal administrative officer.

17 As everyone is aware, there is  
18 currently a statewide effort to prevent the spread  
19 of the Coronavirus. This is why the Council is  
20 holding this remote public hearing, and we ask for  
21 your patience. If you haven't done so already, I  
22 ask that everyone please mute their computer audio  
23 and telephones now.

24 This is a continuation of the remote  
25 public hearing that began at 2 p.m. this

1 afternoon. A copy of the prepared agenda is  
2 available on the Council's webpage, along with the  
3 record of this matter, the public hearing notice,  
4 instructions for public access to this remote  
5 public hearing, and the Council's Citizens Guide  
6 to Siting Council Procedures.

7 This hearing is held pursuant to the  
8 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General  
9 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative  
10 Procedure Act upon a request by New Cingular  
11 Wireless PCS, LLC, also known as AT&T, to initiate  
12 a feasibility proceeding for the shared use of an  
13 existing tower located at 499 Mile Lane,  
14 Middletown, Connecticut. This request was  
15 received by the Council on December 14, 2021.

16 The purpose of this remote public  
17 hearing is to determine if AT&T's proposed shared  
18 use of the existing tower facility is technically,  
19 legally, environmentally and economically feasible  
20 and meets public safety concerns.

21 The Council's legal notice of the date  
22 and time of this remote public hearing was  
23 published in The New Haven Register on January 15,  
24 2022. Upon this Council's request, the requesting  
25 entity erected a sign along Mile Lane at the

1 entrance to the existing tower site so as to  
2 inform the public of the name of the requesting  
3 entity, the type of facility, the remote public  
4 hearing date, and contact information for the  
5 Council, including the website and phone number.

6 This remote public comment session is  
7 reserved for members of the public who signed up  
8 in advance to make brief statements into the  
9 record. The deadline for the public to sign up to  
10 speak during this public comment session was  
11 Thursday, February 10, 2022. No member of the  
12 public signed up to speak, unfortunately. Please  
13 be advised that written comments may be submitted  
14 by any person within 30 days of this public  
15 hearing.

16 At this time, I would ask the requested  
17 entity to make a brief presentation to the public  
18 describing the proposed shared use of the existing  
19 tower facility. I understand Attorney Fisher is  
20 going to be providing that presentation.

21 MR. FISHER: Yes. Thank you,  
22 Mr. Morissette.

23 MR. MORISSETTE: Thank you.

24 MR. FISHER: I was advised, but maybe  
25 wrongly by my own team, that you screen share, or

1 should I screen share? I just want to make sure.

2 MR. MORISSETTE: Attorney Bachman has  
3 taken care of that for us. Thank you.

4 MR. FISHER: Great. Thank you. Very  
5 briefly, this project, as the Council and members  
6 of the public may be aware, is related to an  
7 application by New Cingular Wireless, AT&T, in  
8 order to share use of an existing facility site  
9 located in the City of Middletown. The property  
10 is at 499 Mile Lane Road, which is owned by the  
11 City of Middletown. It's about a 23-acre parcel.  
12 In some of the photographs -- this is one of the  
13 photographs -- is the location of the actual  
14 existing tower facility you see on the right of  
15 the photograph. To the left is the city's  
16 existing emergency communications facility. The  
17 property itself had historically been used by the  
18 US military and was previously part of what was  
19 called a Nike missile site.

20 In looking at the survey and other  
21 materials, the existing tower location is  
22 centrally located within the overall property. On  
23 the survey itself there are various distances  
24 shown and denoted showing the setbacks from  
25 existing and adjacent property lines. And you

1 also see some of the surrounding land uses which  
2 include single-family residential development and  
3 municipal properties used for schools.

4           What's proposed by AT&T as part of  
5 Docket 506 and also at issue in this feasibility  
6 proceeding is to share the site as opposed to the  
7 actual tower itself. The proposal by AT&T is to  
8 construct a 150-foot monopole immediately adjacent  
9 to the compound and the existing lattice tower  
10 that the city owns. The existing compound that  
11 the city has already improved would be used by  
12 AT&T and future co-locators. The monopole itself  
13 would be built and constructed to accommodate the  
14 location.

15           As shown in the tower elevations, the  
16 existing tower is 180 feet in height and supports  
17 city-owned municipal whip antennas and microwave  
18 dishes for part of its Emergency Communications  
19 Network. And then shown in the elevation is the  
20 monopole by AT&T showing its equipment. Future  
21 collocators would be located at 10-foot intervals  
22 below what's shown at the 150-foot level.

23           We thank you very much for the  
24 proceedings today and this evening, and that's our  
25 presentation. Thank you.

1 MR. MORISSETTE: Thank you, Attorney  
2 Fisher.

3 Unfortunately, as I mentioned before,  
4 no members of the public have signed up to speak  
5 this evening so that will conclude our session for  
6 the evening. But before closing the evidentiary  
7 record in this matter, the Connecticut Siting  
8 Council announces that briefs and proposed  
9 findings of fact may be filed with the Council by  
10 any party or intervenor no later than March 19,  
11 2022. The submission of briefs or proposed  
12 findings of fact are not required by this Council;  
13 rather, we leave it to the choice of the parties  
14 and intervenors.

15 Anyone who has not become a party or  
16 intervenor but who desires to make his or her  
17 views known to the Council may file written  
18 statements with the Council within 30 days of the  
19 date hereof.

20 The Council will issue draft findings  
21 of fact, and thereafter parties and intervenors  
22 may identify errors or inconsistencies between the  
23 Council's draft findings of fact and the record;  
24 however, no new information, no new evidence, no  
25 argument and no reply briefs, without our



1 permission, will be considered by the Council.

2 Copies of the transcript of this  
3 hearing will be filed at the Middletown City  
4 Clerk's Office.

5 I hereby declare this hearing  
6 adjourned. And thank you, everyone, for your  
7 participation. Have a good evening. And I hope  
8 the wind doesn't cause too much damage in the  
9 state. Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, the above proceedings  
11 concluded at 6:38 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE FOR REMOTE HEARING

I hereby certify that the foregoing 9 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original stenotype notes taken before the Connecticut Siting Council of the REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION IN RE: FEASIBILITY PROCEEDING, FP-ATT-083-211214, NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (AT&T) REQUEST TO INITIATE FEASIBILITY PROCEEDING FOR SHARED USE OF AN EXISTING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 499 MILE LANE, MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, PRESIDING OFFICER, on February 17, 2022.



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