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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 9, 2003

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White Plains, New York 10601

RE: **PETITION NO. 602** - AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing Connecticut Light and Power electric transmission facility located at 989 Church Street, Wallingford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Fisher:

At a public meeting held on January 8, 2003, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that this proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50k would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the condition that an existing culvert located on the access road be restored to working condition and that no sanitary facilities be located on site.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition, dated December 19, 2002.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Very truly yours,

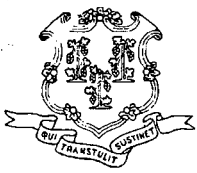


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Enclosure: Staff Report dated January 8, 2003

c: Honorable William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor, Town of Wallingford
Linda Bush, Town Planner, Town of Wallingford



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AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc.

Staff Report

January 8, 2003

On January 3, 2003, Connecticut Siting Council (Council) member Philip T. Ashton and Christina Lepage of the Council staff met with AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc. (AT&T) representatives Harold Hewett and Peter Carbone at 989 Church Street, Wallingford, Connecticut for the inspection of an electric transmission structure. The structure is owned by Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P). AT&T, with the agreement of CL&P, proposes to modify the structure by installing antennas and associated equipment for telecommunications use and is petitioning the Council for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) is required for the modification.

AT&T proposes to install six panel antennas on a pipe mast extension on top of a 79-foot 6-inch lattice transmission structure. The proposed antennas would extend approximately 15 feet. Three panel antennas would be attached at the 86 foot level and three would be installed at the 92-foot level of the structure.

The proposed equipment would be installed on a 5-foot 3-inch by 6-foot concrete pad within a 7-foot by 16-foot compound near the base of the tower. A 6-foot high chain link fence would surround the equipment compound.

Access to the site would be via an existing access road, which would be extended for direct access to the equipment compound. The existing access road crosses a channel with existing culverts that do not appear to be working. All proposed construction activities would be within the existing CL&P easement over property owned by the City of Meriden. An underground conduit from an existing utility pole will provide power and telephone service to the site.

The calculated cumulative worst case power density would not exceed the applicable standard.

AT&T contends that they would not have the need to construct a telecommunications tower to provide coverage to this area of Wallingford, and would not cause a substantial adverse environmental effect.