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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 5, 2006

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RE: **PETITION NO. 779** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications of an existing facility located at 138 Main Street, Coventry, Connecticut.

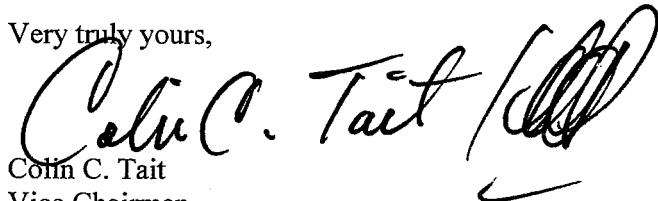
Dear Attorney Fisher:

At a public meeting held on August 31, 2006, 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.

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 July 13, 2006.

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

Very truly yours,


Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman

CCT/DM/laf

Enclosure: Staff Report dated August 31, 2006

c: The Honorable James E. Clark, Chairman Town Council, Town of Coventry
Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning & Development, Town of Coventry

Petition No. 779
Cingular
138 Main Street, Coventry, Connecticut
Staff Report
August 31, 2006

Cingular is seeking to replace an existing lattice tower with a monopole of the same height on the property of Pelletier Builders, located on Main Street in the southerly end of Coventry near its boundary with Mansfield.

Council member Phil Ashton conducted the field review with staff member David Martin on August 15, 2006. Chris Fisher, Steve Levine, Alitz Abadjian, and Bob Schluter represented Cingular. Richard Pelletier, the owner of the construction company, was also present.

The existing lattice tower is 92.8 feet high and has a whip antenna at the top that extends to a height of 102 feet. The tower is used for the construction company's wireless communications. Cingular wishes to place its antennas on the tower to improve coverage on Routes 31 and 32 in the southern part of Coventry. The existing tower, however, is not strong enough to support Cingular's antennas. It is not feasible to reinforce the tower enough to be able to support the antennas.

Cingular seeks to replace the existing tower with a monopole 93 feet high to be located 12 feet from the existing tower. Cingular would install its antennas at a centerline height of 90 feet. They would extend to 93 feet AGL. Cingular would also relocate the Pelletier whip antenna to the top of the replacement monopole and would provide space for a town whip antenna also at the top of the monopole. The whip antennas would extend to a height of 102 feet, the same height of the existing antenna. Once the new tower is in place and operating, the existing tower would be removed.

Cingular would place an 11.5 foot by 20 foot equipment shelter next to the rear of Pelletier's existing building. This would require Pelletier to relocate a construction trailer that currently houses some office functions. Pelletier has plans to expand another building on the property to house these functions.

Cingular has appeared before the Coventry Planning and Zoning Commission to present its plans. The Commission has validated the existing tower and has made no objections to Cingular's plans. In fact, the town has expressed interest in placing an antenna on the tower for emergency communications purposes.

Cingular's tower would be engineered to accommodate three wireless carriers as well as whip antennas at the top of the tower.

Pelletier's property comprises 12 acres. It is zoned industrial and is used as a construction yard. The surrounding area is also zoned industrial and is relatively undeveloped. There are two single family homes a short distance to the north of Pelletier's property and some Little League baseball fields a little farther north. The property across the street is vacant and is used occasionally as a gravel pit.

The relatively low height of the existing, and proposed, tower and the presence of numerous mature deciduous trees in the area minimize the visual presence of the tower.

View of existing lattice tower from front of Pelletier building



View of existing tower from rear of Pelletier building

