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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 12, 2021

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1461** – SBA Communications Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 130 Welles Road, Groton, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than October 26, 2021. Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the October 26, 2021 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List dated September 9, 2021

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**Petition No. 1461
Interrogatories to SBA
Set One
October 12, 2021**

1. Would the replacement tower have a galvanized gray finish?
2. Referencing Sheet C-2, identify each carrier's equipment pad and ground equipment and/or equipment shelters. Referencing page 3 of the Petition, SBA Communications Corporation (SBA or Petitioner) notes that "Dish (Network) will also be installing three (3) antennas at a centerline height of 160 feet on the new tower." Identify Dish Network's equipment pad and ground equipment on Sheet C-2 as applicable.
3. Identify the antennas, antenna mounts, and other tower mounted equipment for Dish Network to be installed at the 160-foot level of the tower, if known.
4. Referencing Sheet C-3, provide a tower elevation drawing identifying the new and relocated antennas, mounts, and tower mounted equipment for AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Dish Network.
5. Could the replacement tower be designed with a yield point to ensure that the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the subject property? What is the incremental cost of installing a yield point on the tower?
6. Estimate the total cost of the project assuming no yield point and excluding AT&T's total equipment and equipment installation cost.
7. Would the proposed project comply with DEEP noise control standards?
8. Is the proposed replacement facility located within ¼-mile of the buffered area on the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database (DEEP NDDDB) map, e.g. shaded area associated with Red Brook? If yes, would the proposed project be expected to impact any state-listed species? If so, what protective/mitigation measures could be employed?
9. Provide the distance and direction to the nearest wetland for the existing tower and the proposed replacement tower. Would erosion and sediment controls be used consistent with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil and Erosion Control*, as applicable?
10. Referencing Attachment 3 of the Petition, Replacement Tower Balloon Test Results, it states, "Additionally, TEP completed a visual effect assessment for the proposed tower on 2/25/2021 for submittal to the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)..." Has the Petitioner received a response from SHPO? If yes, please include such response.
11. Is any new or additional backup power proposed for any of the carriers, e.g. battery backup or generators?
12. Referencing Attachment 5, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation, is the FAA determination based on the correct coordinates of the proposed replacement tower? Explain.

13. Provide the estimated dates for commencement and completion of construction. Also provide the proposed work hours and days of the week.