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VIA REGULAR MAIL

April 19, 2022

Amy J. Siebert, P.E. Commissioner of Public Works Town of Greenwich Town Hall 101 Field Point Road Greenwich, CT 06830

RE: **PETITION NO. 1501** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless facility on a new 43-foot AT&T-owned utility pole that is not used principally for electric distribution service and associated equipment to be located in the Metro-North Railroad right-of-way west of the Indian Field Road/I-95 overpass, Greenwich, Connecticut.

PETITION NO. 1502 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless facility on a new 43-foot AT&T-owned utility pole that is not used principally for electric distribution service and associated equipment to be located in the public right-of-way along Davis Avenue between the Metro-North Railroad and I-95 right-of-way, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Dear Commissioner Siebert:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works' correspondence dated April 14, 2022 concerning the above-referenced petitions. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

These petitions will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to these petitions on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Thank you for your interest and concern in these very important matters.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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c: Council Members Service Lists dated March 29, 2022 & March 31, 2022 Amy J. Siebert, P.E. COMMISSIONER

James W. Michel, P.E. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



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VIA E-MAIL & FEDEX (siting.council@ct.gov)

April 14, 2022

Ms. Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director State of Connecticut Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re:

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Dear Ms. Bachman:

We are in receipt of your letters dated March 30, 2022 and March 31, 2022 for the above referenced petitions to the State of Connecticut Connecticut Siting Council for proposed new Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) wireless communication infrastructure in Greenwich, Connecticut.

We visited the State of Connecticut Siting Council website and reviewed the above petitions posted on the State's website. It appears that the petitioner may be unaware of critical sanitary sewer infrastructure in the area of both proposed cellular communication infrastructure installations. These petitions' proposed work zones include several critical underground utilities including, but not limited to, the Town's largest sanitary sewer force main that handles wastewater flow from three of the Town's largest sewer pumping stations. This sanitary sewer force main conveys millions of gallons of wastewater each day and is the subject of a Consent Decree (Town of Greenwich, CT Civil Action No. 2:11-CV-00674) from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), United

States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP).

The Town would like to be clear that any disruption or damage to this critical sanitary sewer infrastructure could result in the release of millions of gallons of untreated raw sewage on a daily basis. Not only would this be an environmental health and safety matter, but it also has the potential to disrupt travel on both the Metro-North Railroad and Connecticut DOT 195 in Greenwich.

In review of the documents, it appears that in Petition No. 1501, the petitioner intends to install proposed conduits above the Town's 24-inch diameter force main. The petitioner is required to contact the Town of Greenwich's Sewer Division to discuss the details of this installation and what will be required to protect the existing sanitary sewer force main. While the location in Petition No. 1502 does not immediately appear to be in conflict with the force main, it will be critical to us that its final location and installation be coordinated with the Town, to be sure no conflicts are created.

Attached to this letter are two drawings the Town of Greenwich's consulting engineer AECOM have developed to show as-built locations of the Town's critical sanitary sewer infrastructure. We respectfully request the State of Connecticut Siting Council please share these with the petitioner of both Petition No. 1501 and Petition 1502. The petitioner should be required to show the Town's sanitary sewer infrastructure on their plans so that any contractor performing work is aware of the Town's critical sanitary sewer mains and should be required to contact the Town to discuss the details of these two proposed installations in further detail.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of protecting these buried critical sanitary sewer pipelines. Any damage or disruption to these lines may result in the release of millions of gallons of untreated raw sewage on a daily basis. Resulting parties who ignored the Town's warning and damage these sanitary sewer lines may be subject to fines and legal actions.

We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Richard Feminella, Wastewater Division Manager at (203) 622-7844 or myself at (203) 622-7740.

Very truly yours,

Amy J. Siebert, P.E.

Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment: Sanitary Sewer Mapping

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