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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 1, 2024

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1631** – Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) joint petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 75 Wells Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut. **Council Interrogatories to Petitioner.**

Dear Catherine Conklin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than July 15, 2024. 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 July 15, 2024, 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 A. Bachman
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Revised Schedule, dated July 1, 2024

c: Service List, dated May 20, 2024

Petition No. 1631
Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET)
And
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)
75 Wells Road
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Interrogatories

Notice

1. Referencing Attachment H of the Petition, has the Town of Wethersfield and/or any abutting property owners provided comments to SNET and/or AT&T since the Petition filing? If so, please summarize the comments.

Project Development

2. What is the estimated cost of the proposed project?
3. Is the project, or any portion of the project, proposed to be undertaken by state departments, institutions or agencies, or to be funded in whole or in part by the state through any contract or grant?

Existing Facility Site

4. What is the square footage of the existing equipment compound?
5. Referencing the Council's Declaratory Rulings in Petition Nos. 1012 and 1521, AT&T shares an emergency backup generator with Frontier that is located inside the on-site equipment building. Is this arrangement no longer feasible? Explain.
6. How many hours of backup power does the current shared emergency backup generator arrangement with Frontier in the equipment building provide for AT&T?
7. Would AT&T maintain its existing lease of 280 square feet of interior building space if the proposed emergency backup generator is approved?
8. Would AT&T maintain its existing battery backup capability at the facility in addition to the proposed emergency backup generator?

Proposed Compound Expansion and Associated Equipment

9. Referencing Petition, Section IV, it states "...the proposed Generator is a fuel cell..." However, the rest of the Petition refers to the proposed generator as a diesel-fueled generator. Please clarify.
10. Referencing Petition site plan, sheet A-1, the drawing shows the generator outside of the fence but the Petition states it would be within an expanded fence line. If it is within the fenced area, provide a drawing.
11. How long would the proposed emergency backup generator run before refueling is required in the event of a power outage?
12. What is the capacity of the fuel tank?

13. Referencing Petition p. 2 and Attachment B – Generator Specifications –the proposed emergency backup generator would include a Level 2 Sound Attenuated Enclosure. What are the anticipated noise levels and costs associated with no enclosure, a Level 1 enclosure and a Level 2 enclosure?

Project Construction

14. During what work hours and days of the week would construction occur?
15. When would construction commence, and when would construction be completed?

Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

16. Describe visibility of the proposed expanded compound from the surrounding area.
17. Would any vegetative clearing be required for the proposed compound expansion? Provide the number of trees with diameters of six inches or greater at breast height that would be removed, if any.
18. Referencing the Council’s Declaratory Rulings in Petition Nos. 1012 and 1521, would construction of the proposed compound expansion require removal and/or trimming of the 12-inch diameter cluster pine tree? Would SNET/AT&T move and replant the pine tree?



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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Petition received	05/20/2024
Public Comment Period Deadline	06/19/2024
Council 60-day Action – Set Date for Decision to 10/17/2024	06/20/2024
Council Interrogatories	
• Set One Issued	07/01/2024
• Set One Responses due	07/15/2024
Deadline for Decision	10/17/2024