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Post-Construction Report

Date: October 18, 2011

Re: **DOCKET NO. 395A** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Haywardville Road in the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut.

In this docket, AT&T proposed building a 180-foot monopole tower within a 75-foot by 75-foot compound on a 101.72-acre property owned by the East Haddam Fish and Game Club on the west side of Haywardville Road in East Haddam. AT&T was the sole participant in this proceeding. The Council approved a facility with a 180-foot tower at the proposed site on June 17, 2010. The Development and Management Plan was approved on September 7, 2010.

I visited this site on October 17, 2011. At the time of my visit, all site construction work was completed. The tower was erected. The lowest segment of the tower was painted brown in accordance with AT&T's agreement with the Fish and Game Club. The compound was well graveled and enclosed by an eight-foot chain link fence. All utilities were hooked up. There were six meter placements on the compound's utility board with two meters in place. AT&T's equipment was located in a small pre-fabricated shelter with an emergency generator on a small concrete next to the shelter. AT&T had nine antennas mounted on a low profile platform at the top of the tower.

This facility is set in the woods on a small rise. The gravel drive was well-established with riprap swales installed as indicated on the approved D&M plans. There were also swales on two sides of the equipment compound. There were no erosion issues at the time of my visit. The silt fence was still in place and should be taken down now that the site has been stabilized.

Topography and a profusion of mature deciduous and coniferous trees in the area combine to limit the visibility of this tower. There is a stretch on Hopyard Road where the tower is prominently visible. In general, however, the tower was not visible from the main roads in the vicinity.

Conditions observed at the site at the time of my visit conformed to the approved D&M plans.

View of tower



View of base compound



Close up of antennas mounted at top of tower



Riprap swale along access drive



Riprap swales adjacent to access drive



Riprap swales around perimeter of equipment compound



Equipment shelter and generator



View from Hopyard Road

