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December 15, 2015

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RE: **PETITION NO. 443A** - AT&T request to amend its declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the modification of an existing Connecticut Light and Power high-voltage electric transmission line support structure (no. 1292) located at Sound Shore Drive (Cos Cob) in Greenwich, Connecticut. Request to Amend.

Dear Attorney Fisher:

At a public meeting held on December 10, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the amendment to this petition, dated November 30, 2015.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction, with the condition that AT&T and Eversource select a preferred location for the temporary facility and submit for approval by the Council's Executive Director. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition dated January 14, 2000 and in the amended submission dated November 30, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/CH/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated December 10, 2015

c: The Honorable Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman, Town of Greenwich
Katie DeLuca, Director of Planning & Zoning, Town of Greenwich



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**Petition No. 443A – Request to Amend
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC/AT&T
Sound Shore Drive, Greenwich
Staff Report
December 10, 2015**

On December 1, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a request to amend Petition No. 443 (Request to Amend) from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) to permanently relocate an existing power mount telecommunications facility from an existing Connecticut Light & Power Company (dba Eversource) electric transmission tower structure #1292, to an adjacent electric transmission tower #1279 within an existing Eversource right-of-way at Cos Cob Substation off of Sound Shore Drive, Greenwich.

Eversource has notified AT&T that the existing telecommunications facility must be removed by February 1, 2016. Eversource and AT&T have coordinated efforts to relocate and minimize disruption to AT&T wireless services.

AT&T proposes to install a 161-foot power mount pole within the center of a 147-foot electric transmission line lattice structure #1279. Structure #1279 is approximately 965 feet northeast of the existing telecommunications facility installed on electric transmission line structure #1292. The power mount would support six T-arm mounted antennas along with 12 tower mounted amplifiers to be mounted at a centerline height of 160 feet, with antennas at an overall height of 163 feet above ground level. An elevated steel equipment platform, measuring 20-foot long by 12-foot wide by 4-foot high, is proposed for AT&T's outdoor equipment cabinets. This platform would be located within a 50-foot by 50-foot fenced lease area at the base of the existing structure. Access to the facility would be via a 20-foot wide easement over the existing paved access drive from Sound Shore Drive, and then along a proposed 350-foot long by 12-foot wide gravel access drive to the equipment compound. The relocation facility would be constructed entirely within the limits of the existing transmission tower's footprint, and within an existing EVERSOURCE easement. No tree clearing is proposed.

Structure #1279 is in an intertidal zone and approximately 20 feet from the wetland delineated area identified as the high tide zone of Long Island Sound. All Points Technology (APT) conducted a Coastal Consistency Review and Tidal Wetlands Delineation, and has concluded that the relocation facility is consistent with Connecticut's applicable coastal management policies, and will not adversely impact tidal wetlands which are well defined by a rip-rap armored shoreline. APT's recommendation for additional soil and erosion control measures and wetlands monitoring has been incorporated into the Request to Amend. Portions of the host property are identified within the 100 year flood hazard zone (base elevation of 14 feet). AT&T's site will be situated at an elevation of 16.7 feet, 2.7 feet above the 100 year flood hazard zone, and would be elevated by the equipment platform to 6.7 feet above the 100 year flood hazard zone.

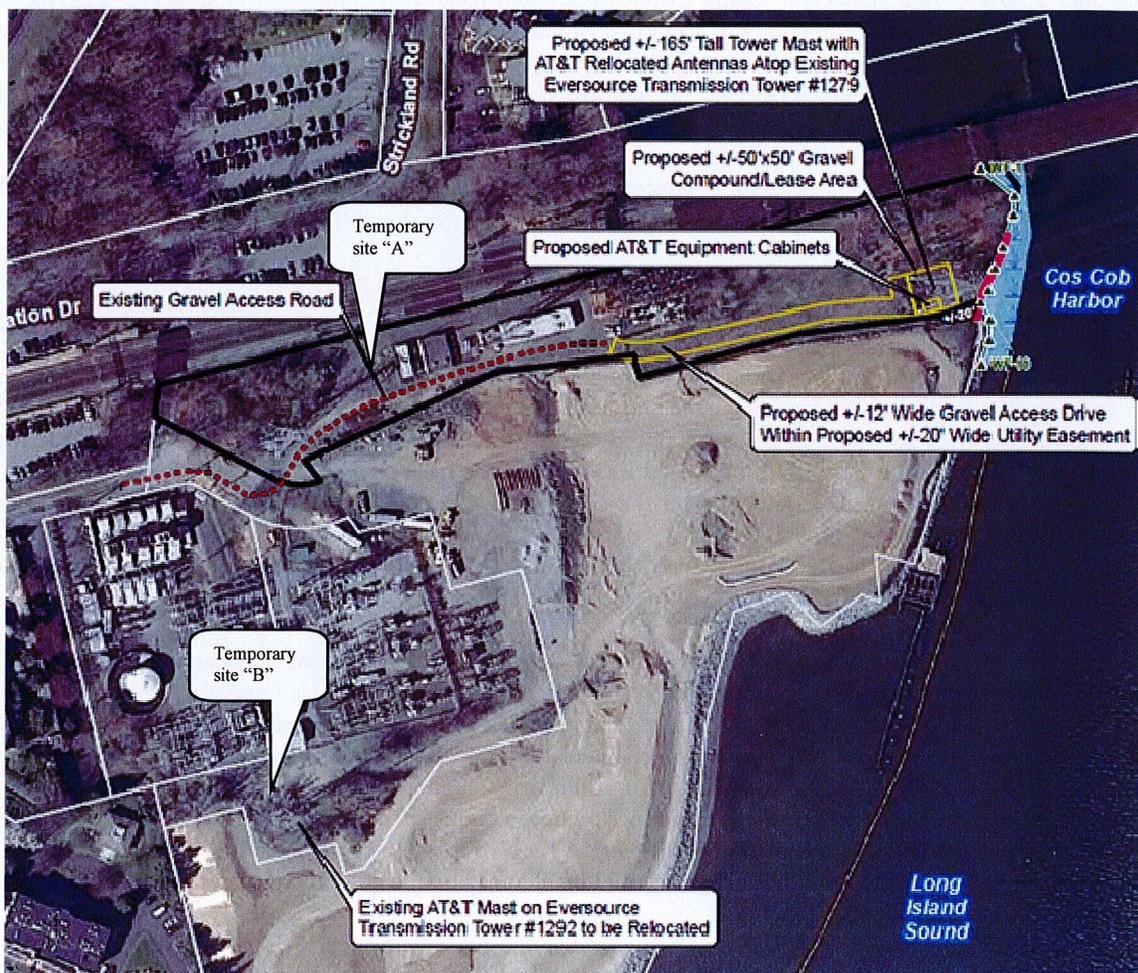
In coordination with Eversource, state agencies, and local agencies, and in order to avoid disruptions in wireless services, AT&T plans to construct the relocation site during an upcoming planned line outage scheduled for January 13-20, 2016. If it is not possible to construct during the planned outage, AT&T is also requesting consideration of a temporary tower location. AT&T is concurrently pursuing either of two temporary tower locations. Either location would involve an 85-foot tall ballast mounted tower with a removable equipment shelter in a 40-foot by 30-foot fenced compound. Only one location would be developed as a temporary tower location to minimize loss in service associated with mandatory removal of AT&T's existing facility. Temporary site "A" is located east from the end of Sound Shore Drive and south of the railroad right of way. Temporary Site "B" is located adjacent to the existing AT&T telecommunications site on structure #1292 and south of Cos Cob Substation. Both options are being presented for Council consideration.

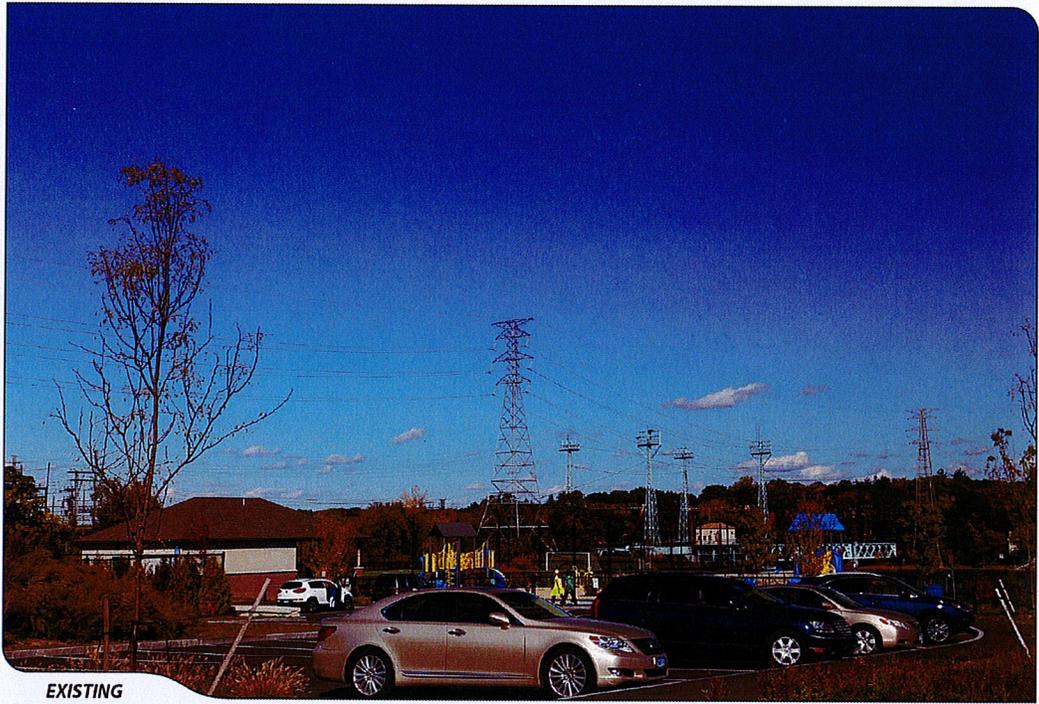
The visual impact of the project is expected to be minimal, as the 16-foot incremental change in height would not change existing views of electric transmission line structures significantly.

The site would have a cumulative worst-case power density of 1.91 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

Notice was provided to all municipal, state and federal officials under C.G.S. § 16-501, including, but not limited to, Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Donald Heller, and Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency Chairman Brian Harris. A copy of this Request to Amend was sent to the owners of land that abuts the site property. No comments have been received to date.

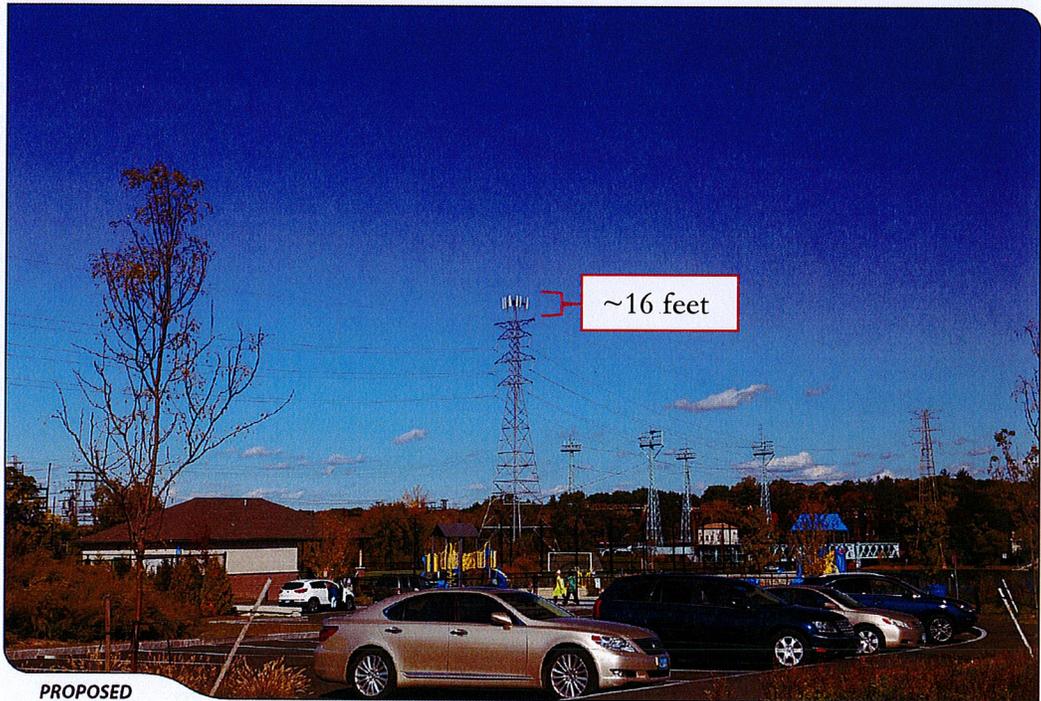
Site





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