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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 8, 2015

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1152** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a temporary telecommunications facility located at East Lyme Tax Assessor Map 30, Lot 1, Ancient Highway, East Lyme, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Fisher:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions regarding this petition on or before May 22, 2015. Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that 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 provide a copy to Attorney Keith Ainsworth representing East Lyme Residents For Responsible Cell Tower Placement.

Yours very truly,

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

c: Council Members
Honorable Mark C. Nickerson, First Selectman, Town of East Lyme
Keith Ainsworth, Esq.

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Petition 1152: New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC Ancient Highway, East Lyme Petition Questions

1. Petition Site Plan Sheet C-1.0 depicts two abutting parcels (owned by Ms. Drabik), with the tower and access drive located on the southern parcel (Lot 1). Sheet 2.0 depicts related temporary tower site work on the northern Drabik parcel (Lot 2); however, property abutters to Lot 2 were not notified of the project. Please provide notice to these abutters and submit a certification of service.
2. What is the acreage of Lot 1? Lot 2?
3. What is the existing travel width of Ancient Highway to the Drabik parcels? What type of road and/or utility clearing/improvements/relocations are necessary along Ancient Highway to accommodate construction vehicles?
4. Does AT&T intend to restore portions of Ancient Highway that become damaged due to construction?
5. During the May 5, 2015 field review, a potential alternative access drive to the tower site was mentioned. Please submit alternative access drive details, if applicable, and the reason for the alternative access.
6. How long would it take to construct the temporary site and provide wireless service?
7. Once completed, what is the expected traffic volume necessary to maintain site operations for each carrier?
8. How long does AT&T anticipate the temporary tower would be in place?
9. Is the temporary tower able to accommodate other wireless carriers or public safety communication equipment? Is the temporary tower extendable?
10. Describe AT&T's / T-Mobile's backup power source.
11. Would AT&T remove snow along Ancient Highway to access the site in winter?
12. Regarding the Visibility Assessment in Petition Attachment D, provide the following:
 - a) Overlay of year-round visibility graphic onto the Photo Log aerial photograph, if possible, as the year-round visibility mapping is difficult to read for areas around the tower; and
 - b) Written description of potential year-round and seasonal visibility from Mackinnon Place, Seebeck Road, Chris Alan Drive and Ancient Highway.
13. What frequencies and services operated by AT&T would be provided by the temporary site? In general, where would AT&T's coverage be deficient once service to the area is only provided by temporary site?
14. Does AT&T intend to begin decommissioning work of the Scott Road facility in June of 2015? If so, at what time does AT&T and T-Mobile intend to stop providing wireless services from this site?
15. What is the viability of the alternative sites identified by the East Lyme Residents For Responsible Cell Tower Placement in their intervenor request of May 5, 2015?



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