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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 Collins:

In response to your request of May 18, 2015, during a regular meeting held on May 28, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted party status in Petition No. 1152 to the Town of East Lyme.

Please note that the Telecommunications Act of 1996, a law passed by Congress, restricts this Council's actions. For example, this Act prohibits any state or local government agency, including this Council, from regulating telecommunication towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with the Federal Communications Commission's regulations concerning such emissions. Also, this Act blocks state and local government agencies, such as this Council, from prohibiting personal wireless services for any town or area. Finally, this Act prohibits such state and local government agencies from unreasonably discriminating among wireless service providers.

All filings submitted to the Council must consist of an original and 15 copies with the petition number, properly collated and paginated, and bound. 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. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings be sent to siting.council@ct.gov.

The Council's preferred service to parties and intervenors is electronic mail. If you wish to receive hard copies of documents via regular mail, please notify the Council in writing. Parties and intervenors are required to serve all other parties and intervenors a copy of any material submitted in this petition, unless service is waived.

Copies of all documents filed to date in this proceeding are available for your review at the Council's office and on the Council's website under pending proceedings. On the Council website you may sign up for our e-alert service. Please contact me if you require any further information regarding the Council's procedure.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors

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