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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 10, 2019

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1386** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunications facility at an existing Eversource-owned electric transmission line structure (#917) within an existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way located at 5 Tall Pines Drive, Weston, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Motel and Chiochio:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than December 23, 2019. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

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 be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the December 23, 2019 deadline.**

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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**Petition No. 1386**  
**Interrogatories**  
**Set Two**  
**December 10, 2019**

13. Was the access route chosen to utilize existing access and avoid and/or minimize tree clearing? Would any existing trees six inches diameter or greater be removed to construct the proposed project? If yes, please indicate the location(s) of such tree(s) slated for removal on Sheet C-3 or C-1A, as applicable.
14. The Petitioner's response to interrogatory number 3 states that, "Nevertheless, AT&T intends to install sound attenuation blankets to the fencing around the compound..." Would the sound blankets be installed on the inside or outside of the fence? If feasible, could it be installed on the inside of the fence for aesthetics?
15. Could a smaller telecommunications facility consisting of a short antenna mast attached directly to the top of the transmission structure be installed? Would this be structurally feasible? What are the pros and cons of a short mast directly attached to the top of the structure versus a longer center mast (extending to the ground as proposed) structurally and in terms of visibility? Could smaller antennas and/or smaller platform/antenna mounts be installed to minimize the visual profile?
16. Could the telecommunications facility be designed with no mast and with the antennas attached directly to the transmission structure?
17. The proposed generator is diesel. The fuel tank has double-wall construction. Does it have any containment measures for oil and coolant? Would the leakage of any generator engine fluids affect any known existing wells and/or groundwater?
18. Would a propane generator be feasible at the site? Would a propane generator have containment measures for oil and coolant fluids? What are the pros and cons of a propane versus diesel generator?
19. Could the backup generator be eliminated? Has the Petitioner considered an alternative such as battery backup? What are the pros and cons of such an alternative?