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RE: **DOCKET NO. 412** – SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Laub:

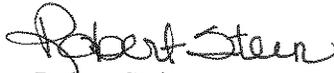
At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on December 27, 2012, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this project dated December 3, 2012.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan dated December 3, 2012. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated December 27, 2012.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,


Robert Stein
Chairman 

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Enclosure: Staff Report, dated December 27, 2012

c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable William T. Stuart, First Selectman, Town of Bridgewater
Thomas E. Gilmore, Planning and Zoning Chairman, Town of Bridgewater

Docket 412
Bridgewater – Wewaka Brook Road
SBA Towers III
Development and Management Plan
Staff Report
December 27, 2012

On January 5, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to SBA Towers III (SBA) for the construction, maintenance and management of a wireless telecommunications facility at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. In its decision, the Council specified that the approved tower shall not exceed 170 feet in height. As required in the Council's Decision and Order, SBA submitted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this facility on June 22, 2012. That D&M plan was subsequently withdrawn pending receipt of the final bridge design plans. The D&M plan was re-filed on December 4, 2012 with final bridge design plans stamped by a Professional Engineer.

SBA's site is located on a 51.2-acre parcel owned by Mary Allen. Land uses surrounding the site are agricultural and residential in nature. SBA would lease a 100-foot by 100-foot area (10,000 square feet) in the northwestern portion of the property. Within its lease area, SBA will construct a 45-foot by 80-foot compound to be enclosed by an eight-foot high chain link fence.

SBA's tower will be 170 feet tall and is designed in accordance with Rev. G of the ANSI/TIA-222 standard for steel towers. New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) will install 12 panel antennas (four per sector) on a low-profile platform at a centerline height of 167 feet above ground level. The tower has a setback radius well within the boundaries of the subject property, so no yield point is necessary. The tower will be able to accommodate three additional wireless carriers.

AT&T will install its ground equipment inside a 12-foot by 20-foot equipment shelter. A 50-kW emergency diesel generator will be installed on a concrete pad next to its equipment shelter. The 210-gallon fuel tank provides about 48 hour of backup power. Vehicular access to the proposed facility would extend from Wewaka Brook Road westerly along an existing access drive and over a bridge to be replaced. (Temporary access Wewaka Brook Road would be provided while the existing bridge is removed and replaced.) Access then continues over a new gravel access drive for a total distance of roughly 2,500 feet to the proposed compound. Utility service for the proposed facility would be extended underground from a pole on Wewaka Brook Road and generally follow the access drive to the site. Approximately 102 trees with a diameter of six inches or greater at breast height will be removed. No landscaping is proposed for the facility.

In addition, as required, there is a seasonal restriction between March 1 and May 15 to avoid construction activities and potential disturbance during the peak amphibian migration and breeding period. (Access drive construction activities located more than 750 feet from the vernal pools need not be seasonally restricted from this period, excepting in-stream work associated with the bridge replacement.)

SBA will install erosion and sedimentation controls consistent with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control* around the area that will be disturbed during construction. They will be kept in place during the construction period. A detailed vernal pool protection program is also included per the Decision and Order (D&O). The D&O also requires an environmental monitor. AT&T has retained All Points Technology Corporation P.C. to serve as an environmental monitor/consultant.

The D&M plans as presented conform to the Council's Decision and Order.

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
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