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June 17, 2011

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts
Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 418** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Tolland Turnpike or off Old South Willington Road, Willington, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from the Town of Willington Planning and Zoning Commission, dated June 14, 2011 concerning the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50/(b), a copy of the application is to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review. In the event that this municipal department does not avail itself of the opportunity to attain party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

Therefore, a copy of this correspondence is being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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Enclosure

Town of Willington



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Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
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RE:Docket No. 418 - Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility
Tolland Turnpike/Old South Willington Road, Willington, CT

Dear Chairman Stein:

The Town of Willington, Planning and Zoning Commission requests that the Siting Council considers the following in approving the location of the Telecommunications Tower proposed for Willington.

Proposed site A, located off state Route 74 is within an area of primarily commercial and industrial uses on a state highway. The construction of a 160-foot tower on site A would reduce transmission gaps along State Route 74.

Proposed Site B, located on Old South Willington Road, is within a rural residential neighborhood and on a dirt road. The construction of a 190-foot tower on Old South Willington Road would appear to be less effective, and close significantly smaller gaps in the same area. The proposed driveway access for the site on Old South Willington is in excess of 12% and will likely create additional storm water runoff issues. Construction and truck traffic will increase Town road maintenance expense on one of its last dirt roads.

There is an existing access way that runs along the western portion of the proposed Site B - Old South Willington road. I suggest the Siting Council offer to improve the existing access roadway, in exchange for a right-of-way. The property owner would benefit by an improvement to his access way. The Telecommunications Company would see a reduction in the cost of improvements. The Town would benefit from an existing storm water problem being improved and an additional road cut being avoided. Lastly, the land itself would benefit since the extension of the access way to the proposed Tower site would follow the



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contours of the land. If site B were selected, the Commission would encourage a shared driveway.

While we certainly appreciate and want to preserve our historic district, after reviewing the view shed photos, we think the impact is minuscule. In reviewing the two proposed sites, it seems ludicrous to us that the Tower should be located anywhere other than Tolland Turnpike.

Sincerely,

Matthew O. Ellis

Matthew O. Ellis Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission
Town of Willington

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