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RE: **DOCKET NO. 425** – Message Center Management application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a replacement telecommunications facility located at 4 Dittmar Road, Redding, Connecticut. **Revised D&M Plan Decision Letter.**

Dear Attorneys Fisher and Laub:

By letter dated December 28, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council announced that during a public meeting of the Council held on December 27, 2012, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project. The letter did not specify the condition that the Certificate Holder arrange for spraying of deer repellent at the site on an as-needed basis, but in no event less frequently than once annually in compliance with the request from the Town of Redding.

Any changes to the approved D&M Plan require advance notification to the Council and approval by the Council.

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 revised staff report on this D&M Plan, dated January 2, 2013.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/CDM/laf

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated January 2, 2013

c: Parties and Intervenors

**Docket 425**  
**Redding – 4 Dittmar Road**  
**Message Center Management**  
**Development and Management Plan**  
**Staff Report**  
**January 2, 2013**

On June 21, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Message Center Management (MCM) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a replacement telecommunications facility at 4 Dittmar Road in Redding, Connecticut. In its decision, the Council specified that the approved tower shall be constructed as a monopine and that the monopole shall not exceed 120 feet in height. The overall height of the tower, with all camouflage tree branches in place, shall not exceed 127 feet above ground level. As required in the Council's Decision and Order, MCM submitted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this facility on November 26, 2012.

MCM's site is located on a 5.6-acre property owned by Robert Paradise. Currently there is an existing 110-foot guyed lattice tower within a 35-foot by 35-foot compound on the property. MCM will replace the existing tower with a 120-foot monopole tower to be camouflaged as a monopine. With branches in place, the replacement tower will reach an overall height of 127 feet. During this docket proceeding, MCM stated that it would design its replacement tower to be extendable by 20 feet. Accordingly, the D&M plans indicate that the monopole has been designed for an overall height of 140 feet, should a 20-foot extension become necessary at some future point. MCM's replacement tower would also have tree bark cladding, up to the 80-foot level, as was stated during the proceedings. The replacement tower will be located close to the location of the existing tower. Between the times the existing tower is dismantled and the replacement tower is in service, Sprint and AT&T, the two carriers on the existing tower, will temporarily deploy guyed Cells on Wheels (COWs) to provide continuous service during this interim period. These COWs will be approximately 80 feet high.

MCM will expand the existing compound from 35 feet by 35 feet to approximately 87 feet by 41 feet. The enlarged compound would be enclosed by an 8.5-foot high wood stockade fence, similar to that enclosing the existing compound. There would be some rearranging and updating of the ground equipment pads during the replacement facility's construction.

A landscaping plan for the facility shows that the compound would be surrounded by plantings of white fir, American holly, green columna juniper, and eastern red cedar. The plantings would be extended along the facility's access road to block the site line of an adjacent residence, as was described during the docket proceedings. The planted trees would be staggered and would be surrounded by deer fencing. In addition, MCM will arrange for spraying of deer repellent on an as-needed basis, but in no event less frequently than once annually.

On the replacement tower, T-Mobile would install nine antennas and T-arm mounts at a centerline height of 120 feet; Sprint would install three flush-mounted antennas at a centerline height of 110 feet; and AT&T would install nine antennas on T-arm mounts at a centerline height of 95 feet above ground level. The D&M plans also indicate that the Town of Redding would install a whip antenna at mounting height of approximately 80 feet at some future date.

The existing access drive would receive additional gravel dressing as needed to repair any existing ruts or ruts that may result from construction activities. The existing transformer and utility backboard would be upgraded, but the existing underground conduits would remain in place and would be utilized to the extent possible.

MCM 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.

The D&M plans as presented conform to the Council's Decision and Order and with the scope of the project described during this docket's proceedings.

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
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