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RE: **DOCKET NO. 439** – Message Center Management, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Bates Woods Park, New London, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Laub:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on March 6, 2014, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on February 14, 2014. Requests for any changes to the D&M Plan shall be approved by Council staff in accordance RCSA §16-50j-77(b). Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-77.

Please be advised that changes and 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 March 6, 2014.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

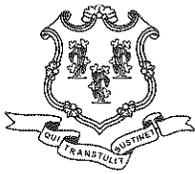
Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/RDM/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated March 6, 2014

c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable Daryl J. Finizio, Mayor, City of New London
Mark Christiansen, Planning and Zoning Commission, City of New London



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Docket 439 – New London

Development and Management Plan

Staff Report

March 6, 2014

On October 31, 2013, 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 wireless telecommunications facility located at Bates Woods Park, New London, Connecticut. As required in the Council's Decision and Order (D&O), MCM submitted a Development and Management Plan (D&M) for the project to the Council and the City of New London on February 14, 2014.

Consistent with the Council's Decision and Order, MCM will construct a 115-foot monopole in Bates Woods Park. The property consists of a 124-acre recreational park owned by the City of New London that contains several athletic fields, a dog kennel, and wooded areas. The tower will be constructed at the edge of the west ball field, in the location of an existing 90-foot tall light stanchion. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed to isolate the construction area.

The tower and foundation will be capable of supporting two levels of platform-mounted antennas, two racks of ball field lights, and a 30-foot tower extension that would require further Council approval before installation. New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) will install 12 panel antennas on an antenna platform at a centerline height of 111 feet above ground level. The City will install a 20-foot whip antenna on top of the tower. Consistent with the Council's Decision and Order, MCM consulted with the City in regards to the tower finish and the City selected a galvanized finish.

MCM will construct a 3,640 square-foot equipment compound within a 4,155 square-foot lease area at the site. The compound will be enclosed by an eight-foot high chain link fence. The southern area of the compound is at the edge of a slope and will require fill, protected by rip-rap, to create a level surface. Evergreens will be planted along the north and west sides of the compound, areas that face open fields. AT&T will install 12-foot by 20-foot equipment shelter within the compound. A separate diesel generator will be located within the compound, adjacent to the equipment shelter. It will be capable of supplying approximately two days of power before refueling.

Access to the compound will be from an existing gravel drive that services the ball fields. New gravel areas for parking and site access will be constructed adjacent to the existing service road. Underground utilities will be installed from the existing parking lot through a grassy area between the east and west ball fields to the compound.

Consistent with the Council's Decision and Order, the cumulative worst-case radio frequency power density level at the base of the tower will be 11.2 percent of the FCC's General Public/Uncontrolled Maximum Permissible Exposure limit.

All of the Development and Management Plan requirements set forth in the Council's Decision & Order for Docket 439 are in compliance; therefore, Council staff recommends approval. Council staff recommends that approval of requested significant changes to the approved D&M Plan be delegated to Council staff in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-77(b). In accordance with that section, if advance written notice is impractical, the Certificate Holder shall provide verbal notice of the changes and shall submit written specifications to the Council within 48 hours after the verbal notice. All changes pursued without advance notification and approval shall be subject to a penalty, enforceable by the Attorney General pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50u.

