

DOCKET NO. 147 - An application of
Springwich Cellular Limited Partnership
for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need for them
construction, maintenance, and operation
of a cellular telephone tower and associated
equipment in the Town of Clinton, Connecticut.
The proposed site is located at 113 Nod Road
and the alternate site is at 46 Nod Road.

Connecticut

Siting

Council

May 5, 1992.

OPINION

On December 13, 1991, Springwich Cellular Limited Partnership (Springwich) applied to the Connecticut Siting Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a cellular telephone facility in the Town of Clinton, Connecticut. Concurrent with this application, Metro Mobile CTS of Hartford, Inc. (Metro Mobile) also submitted an application to the Council for a cellular telephone facility in Clinton, Docket 148. Metro Mobile and Springwich subsequently co-signed a sublease to share Metro Mobile's proposed prime or alternate sites in Clinton. Springwich has determined it could attach its 12 antennas to Metro Mobile's proposed or alternate tower below the antennas of Metro Mobile's without requiring any change in tower design, height or structure. The antennas of both cellular providers would be of sufficient elevation to meet each company's coverage objectives in the Clinton area. Springwich's antennas would provide coverage to Routes 1, 81, 79, 145, and six miles of uncovered or poorly covered roadway along I-95 in the Clinton area. The Springwich and Metro Mobile antennas would be spaced sufficient distances apart to prevent frequency interference.

The Council has long encouraged tower sharing to prevent unnecessary tower proliferation and welcomes this first joint tower venture by Metro Mobile and Springwich. The public, the environment, and both cellular providers may benefit from sharing.

As a result of the joint tower sharing proposed in Docket 148, the Council will deny without prejudice the proposed prime and alternate towers proposed by Springwich in Docket 147 and approve Metro Mobile's alternate Clinton tower site on Cow Hill Road, which would be shared with Springwich.