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Mr. Karl J. Wagener
Executive Director
State of Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Siting Council Docket #316A
Proposed AT&T Modifications
Existing Telecommunications Tower Facility
50 Fairchild Rd, Middletown, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Wagener:

On behalf of our client AT&T, we are in receipt of and thank you for your letter to the Siting Council dated May 25, 2011 with respect to the above referenced matter. Prior to our receipt of your letter, our office submitted materials in support of the Council's reopening of Docket 316 and for its further consideration of the changed conditions that AT&T believes warrant a modification to the originally approved tower facility. AT&T's filing with the Siting Council is dated May 26, 2011 and I have enclosed a complete copy as a follow up to your letter to the Siting Council. Of note, these materials have also been provided to the prior parties and intervenors in Docket 316.

AT&T was not a party to the original proceedings in Docket No. 316 and is looking to improve its service in this area of the City of Middletown. AT&T has proposed a modest 10' tower extension with horizontal space for the antennas and equipment required for AT&T's existing and new wireless services to be provided to the public. In February, AT&T submitted a petition for a declaratory ruling which was denied by the Siting Council on procedural grounds and the Docket reopened for consideration of AT&T's proposed modifications to the existing tower.

In response, AT&T has asked the Siting Council to consider the changed conditions which warrant approval of its project. As detailed in the enclosed materials, AT&T has taken considerable efforts to avoid construction of an entirely new tower facility in Middletown and also avoid a 30' tower extension of the existing tower at 50 Fairchild Road. The enclosed materials also detail the Siting Council's environmental considerations at the time of its original approval, the lack of any significant visual impacts from AT&T's project to homeowners and the technological changes that have occurred since this tower was approved in 2006. Based on the materials provided to the Siting Council, we are of the opinion that this project best meets the State's goal of avoiding the proliferation of towers, balances any environmental impacts associated therewith, and warrants a finding of changed conditions to allow AT&T's modest expansion of this existing tower facility.

At this time, please note that AT&T has also had an opportunity to meet with City of Middletown officials to discuss its project in greater detail. Based on that meeting and the additional information supplied by AT&T, the City has withdrawn its objection to the project in a recent letter submitted to the Siting Council. We are unaware of any other public comments on this AT&T project.

On behalf of AT&T thank you for your consideration of the enclosed materials and please do not hesitate to call on me if we can be of further assistance to the Council on Environmental Quality and its interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Christopher B. Fisher

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Enclosure
cc: Hon. Robin Stein, Chairman and Members of the Siting Council
Prior Parties & Intervenors