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April 24, 2008

Julie Kohler, Esq. Carrie Larson, Esq. Cohen and Wolf, P.C. 1115 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: **DOCKET NO. 357** – Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Peck Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Kohler and Larson:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than May 15, 2008. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 20 copies to this office. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

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Yours

c: Council Members
Parties and Intervenors
John Arthur, Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC



Docket No. 357 Pre-Hearing Questions Set One

- 1. What were the results of the Wireless EDGE Fairfield Group LLC's (WEFG or Applicant) notice to abutting property owners? Did WEFG receive certified mail receipts from all abutters? If not, how many receipts were not returned? Did WEFG make any additional attempts to notify property owners from whom it might not have received return receipts?
- 2. Is the proposed facility within 2,500 feet of the Town of New Fairfield? If yes, did the Applicant consult with the Town of New Fairfield during the 60-day municipal consultation period or receive a waiver of the municipal consultation?
- 3. Provide a copy of the affidavit of the publishing from *The Danbury News Times*.
- 4. Under Tab B of WEFG's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Application), drawing Z04 shows Nextel Communications of Mid-Atlantic, Inc. d/b/a Sprint Nextel's (Sprint) antennas centered at the 143-foot level of the tower above ground level (AGL). Page 10 of the Application states that the antennas would be mounted at 144 feet AGL. Explain this discrepancy.
- 5. When was the search ring initiated? Provide the size, shape, and location of the search ring and describe the zoning within the search ring.
- 6. What is the minimum tower height that would satisfy Sprint's coverage needs?
- 7. What is Sprint's existing signal strength in the area that would be covered by this facility?
- 8. What is the minimum signal level Sprint would consider acceptable for service in the vicinity of the proposed site?
- 9. What is the minimum signal level that Sprint requires in order to provide adequate invehicle coverage?
- 10. Identify adjacent facilities with which the proposed facility would hand off traffic.
- 11. Identify the area (in square miles) that would be covered by the proposed facility.
- 12. Approximately how long (in miles) is the existing coverage gap on Route 37? Approximately how far (in miles) would the proposed facility cover on Route 37?
- 13. Under Tab G of WEFG's Application, coverage plots are provided to show the existing coverage and the coverage with the proposed antennas centered at the proposed height. Provide two coverage plots (using the same scale provided) assuming the antennas are located at ten feet lower and twenty feet lower, respectively.
- 14. Provide the address of the residence closest to the proposed site. Also, provide the distance and direction to that home, relative to the proposed tower.

- 15. Calculate the amounts of cut and fill that would be required to develop this facility.
- 16. Would the proposed 8-foot security fence have barbed wire?
- 17. Would any work be performed in the wetland upland review area?
- 18. Corporate structure of Sprint?
- 19. Would any blasting be required at the proposed site?
- 20. Break down the \$350,000 project cost (approximately) by these categories: site work; monopole; foundation, electric and telephone (i.e. utilities); landscaping (if any); and access drive.
- 21. How would Sprint's antenans be mounted, i.e. T-arms, low-profile platform, etc.? Are T-arm mounts or flush-mounts feasible? Explain.
- 22. Is the site located within a flood zone (e.g. 100 yr, 500 yr.)?
- 24. Does the Applicant plan to install a backup generator and/or battery at this tower site? If yes, provide the fuel source, run time, and indicate if the Applicant would be willing to provide backup power for municipal communications.
- 25. Has the Applicant considered using a fuel cell for backup power at this site? Does the Applicant have fuel cells at other Connecticut sites?

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS $\underline{\text{SERVICE LIST}}$

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