

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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April 20, 2009

TO: Parties and Intervenors

RE: **DOCKET NO. 378** – SBA Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites on Rabbit Hill Road, Warren, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, in the Council's office, at Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All parties and intervenors are requested to attend. The purpose of this pre-hearing conference is to expedite the hearing procedure without sacrificing an informative record necessary for the Council to render a decision.

At the conference, parties and intervenors will be encouraged to discuss requirements for prefiled testimony, exhibit lists, administrative notice lists, expected witness lists, and the filing of pre-hearing interrogatories. To save the time and expense of the public, the Council wishes to avoid direct testimony at the hearing.

Each party and intervenor is requested to provide all other parties and intervenors in attendance a list of witnesses and the subjects their pre-filed testimony will address, a list of documents to be administratively noticed, and copies of any available exhibits to be offered at the hearing. The pre-hearing conference will also address the grouping of parties and intervenors and the order of presentations at the hearing.

Very truly yours,

S. Derek Phelps Executive Director

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Enclosures

1. Hearing Notice

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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 2009, beginning at approximately 2:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Warren Town Hall, 7 Sackett Hill Road, Warren, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from SBA Towers II, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites on Rabbit Hill Road, Warren, Connecticut. The hearing will commence upon completion of other Council business scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The afternoon hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Thursday, May 21, 2009, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The applicant will fly balloons during the field review to simulate the heights of the proposed facilities.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-la of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by May 14, 2009. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests 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.

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Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before May 14, 2009.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Offices of the Warren and Washington Town Halls for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by May 14, 2009.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

Its Representative

SBA Towers II, LLC

Carrie L. Larson, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC 90 State House Square Hartford, CT 06103-3702

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 378.

April 14, 2009

Connecticut Siting Council

Date: April 15, 2009

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS <u>SERVICE LIST</u>

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	⊠ U.S. Mail	SBA Towers II, LLC	Carrie L. Larson, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC 90 State House Square Hartford, CT 06103-3702 (860) 424-4312 (860) 424-4370 fax clarson@pullcom.com
Intervenor (granted on 04/07/09)	⊠ U.S. Mail	New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)	Christopher B. Fisher, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP 445 Hamilton Avenue, 14 th Floor White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 761-1300 (914) 761-6405 fax cfisher@CUDDYFEDER.com
Intervenor (granted on 04/07/09)	⊠ E-mail	Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless	Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103-3597 (860) 275-8200 (860) 275-8299 fax kbaldwin@rc.com
Party (granted on 04/07/09)	⊠ U.S. Mail	Town of Washington	The Honorable Mark E. Lyon First Selectman Bryan Memorial Town Hall P.O. Box 383 Washington Depot, CT 06794 (860) 868-2259 (860) 868-3103 - fax

Date: April 15, 2009

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Intervenor (granted on 04/07/09)	⊠ U.S. Mail	Town of Warren	The Honorable Jack Travers First Selectman Warren Town Hall 7 Sackett Hill Road Warren, CT 06754 (860) 868-7881 ext. 102	
Party (if granted on 04/23/09)	⊠ U.S. Mail	Ray and Maryellen Furse 26 Jack Corner Road Warren, CT 06777 (860) 868-7834 (860) 868-0890 — fax rfurse@alterisinc.com		
Party (if granted on 04/23/09)	⊠ U.S. Mail	Concerned Residents of Warren and Washington (CROWW)	Bruce Coleman President, CROWW P.O. Box 2426 New Preston, CT 06777 (860) 318-5551 (860) 868-0890 - fax Croww.org@charter.net	
Party (if granted on 04/23/09)		State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture	F. Philip Prelli Commissioner Department of Agriculture 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 713-2500 (860) 713-2514 – fax Lance.shannon@ct.gov	