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Mr. S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Bay Communications, LLC's Application for Re-certification of a
telecommunications facility in New Hartford, CT. Docket No. 380 1

Dear Mr. Phelps,

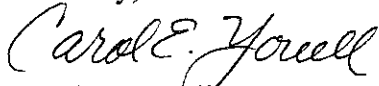
I would like to comment on behalf of the Metropolitan District regarding the above proposal scheduled for public hearing on May 21, 2009.

As you know, the proposed facility is located on the watershed of our Nepaug Reservoir public water supply. Spruce Brook, which bisects the parcel, flows directly to the Nepaug River, the major tributary to Nepaug Reservoir. All necessary precautions must be taken to protect this brook, both during and after construction activities. To this end, I request that the following comments be addressed in the Siting Council's review and approval process.

1. To prevent future maintenance and water quality issues, we recommend, as a minimum, that the surface of the bridge be paved along with an approach apron on either end. This will prevent loose sand and gravel from reaching the brook and wetlands, and will aid in long-term maintenance of the gravel roadway.
2. Who will be responsible for long-term monitoring and maintenance of the gravel road once the project is complete? The specific provisions for future maintenance of the gravel road should be identified. If the water bars (deflectors) that are proposed for installation on the steep road grades should prove ineffective, paving of the roadway should be included as a viable alternative.
3. We recommend that guard rails be installed along the sides of the bridge to prevent accidents and spills. Guard rails or other appropriate barriers should also be installed along the steep banks of the roadway from the Garrett Ridge cul-de-sac down to the brook.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of all parties involved.

Sincerely,



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