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S. Derek Phelps VIA FACSIMILE (860-827-2950) and U.S. MAIL
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Proposed T-Mobile Northeast, LLC Telecommunications Facilities, Old Lyme, CT

Dear Mr. Phelps:

This correspondence is sent to you in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50gg, concerning municipal preferences for siting of telecommunications towers. I am in receipt of three applications filed by T-Mobile Northeast, LLC ("T-Mobile") with your office for proposed telecommunications sites in the Town of Old Lyme.

As I had previously discussed with the attorneys representing T-Mobile, the Town has been in discussions with a telecommunications developer about the possibility of constructing a facility on Town-owned property. On October 5, 2009, the Town executed a lease with SBA Towers II LLC ("SBA") for the development of such facility at 14 Cross Lane. The Town believes that this proposed site, for which SBA will be submitting an application to the Siting Council in the near future, that will include a tower of at least 170 feet in height and which will be capable of hosting at least four carriers plus the town's emergency services communications antennas, will dramatically improve the cell phone reception in our beach area and will enhance the Town's emergency services communications. This tower might supplant the need for any number of T-Mobile sites, which is consistent with the Siting Council's statutory mandate to avoid the proliferation of towers in the State.

The Town of Old Lyme believes that this one site solution will be beneficial to both the Town and to the wireless customers who reside in or visit our town. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Timothy C. Griswold
First Selectman

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Ernest Lacasse, SBA Towers II LLC