

#### CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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January 14, 2010

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 396 - SBA Towers N. LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road,

Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

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c: Secretary of the State (via e-mail service)
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Melanie A. Bachman, Staff Attorney
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Jeff Nelson, Director, Governor's Eastern Connecticut Office
Ginger Teubner, DPUC







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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 Tuesday, February 23, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Camp Rell Nett Hall, Smith Street, East Lyme, 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 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut.

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 3:00 p.m. 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 Tuesday, February 23, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility.

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 Tuesday, February 2, 2010 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 February 16, 2010. 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.



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 February 16, 2010.

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 Office of the East Lyme Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by February 16, 2010.

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. 396.

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Commissioner F. Philip Prelli Department of Agriculture

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Commissioner Joan McDonald
Department of Economic and Community Development

Thomas A. Harley, P.E., Chief Engineer Bureau of Engineering and Construction Department of Transportation

Commissioner James M. Thomas
Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Directo

RE:

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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before February 16, 2010 will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501.

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c: Parties & Intervenors Council Members





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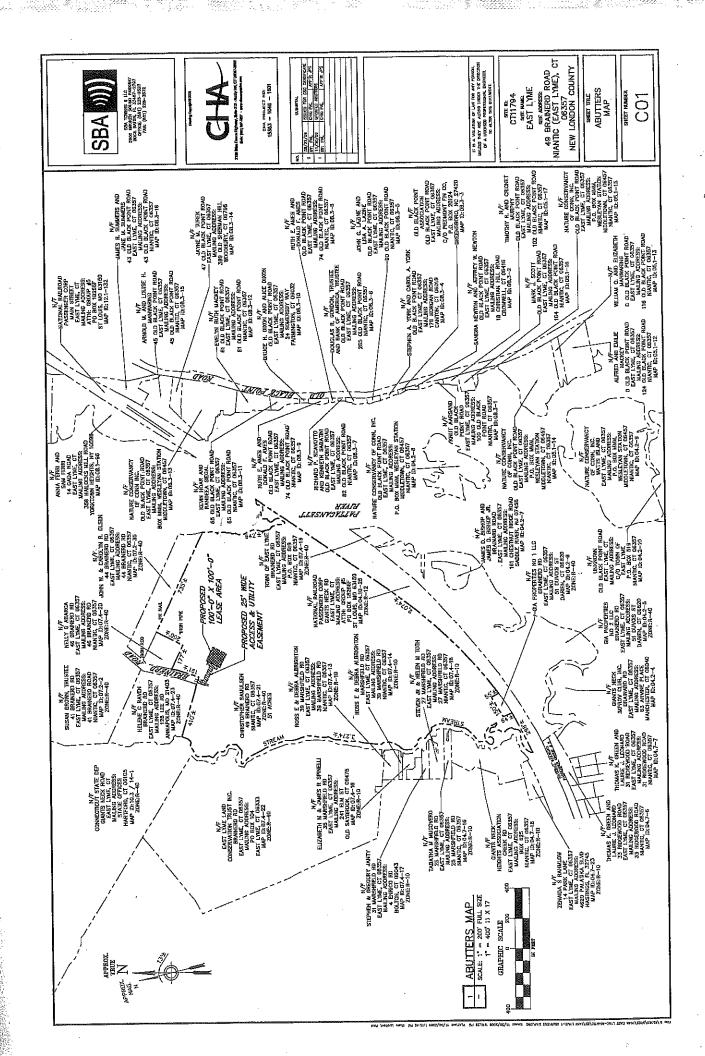
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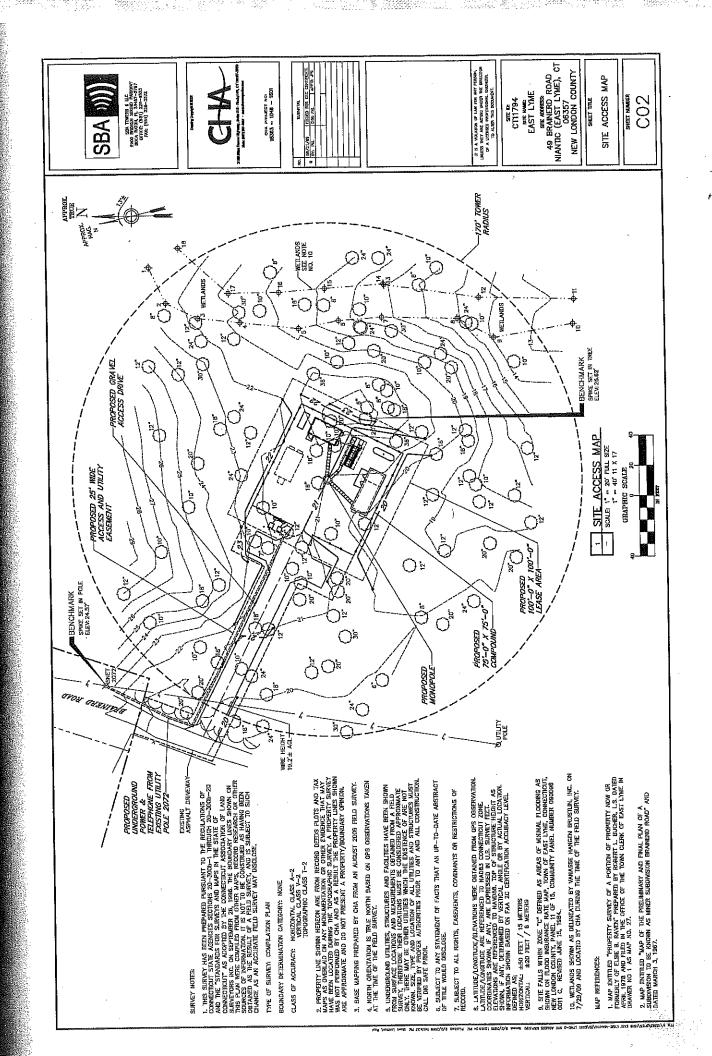
#### **Screening Checklist**

# Connecticut Department of Transportation Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 396 Location: 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained high		
	<ul> <li>X No</li> <li>Yes – Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.</li> </ul>	
2.	Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway	
	<ul> <li>X No</li> <li>Yes – Identify specific needs and access location.</li> </ul>	
3.	Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.	
	<ul><li>X No</li><li>Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.</li></ul>	
4.	Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?	
	No X Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.	









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TO:

Classified/Legal Supervisor

**396100223** Day, The (Daily)

47 Eugene O'Neill Drive, P. O, Box 1231

New London, CT 06320-1231

FROM:

Lisa A. Fontaine, Administrative Assistant

RE:

**DOCKET NO. 396** – 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 49 Brainerd Road,

Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut.

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to:

Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

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TO:

Thomas J. Regan, Esq.

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FROM:

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RE:

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Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road,

Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in East Lyme.

If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response by or before February 16, 2010, will be appreciated. Moreover, in furtherance of the spirit of C.G.S. 16-50aa, we ask that each carrier affirmatively state whether that carrier would likely seek to be located on this proposed facility any time within the foreseeable future.

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Richard Morris Fire Marshall Town of East Lyme P.O. Box 519 Niantic, CT 06357

RE: **DOCKET NO. 396** – 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 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Confirming our telephone conversation of January 13, 2010, I appreciate the reservation of <u>Nett Hall</u> at Camp Rell, Smith Street, East Lyme for a public hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Although I am aware the Council is responsible for setting up for the event, for your information I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Fontaine

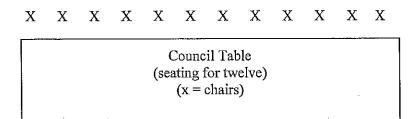
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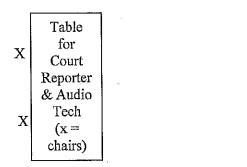
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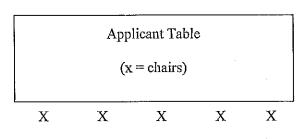
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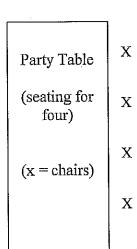


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Ruth Girolomo Post Reporting Service, Inc. 2015 Dixwell Avenue Hamden, CT 06514

RE:

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Dear Ms. Girolomo:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
3-5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. to conclusion
Camp Rell Nett Hall
Smith Street, East Lyme

The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Fontaine

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Joseph Reese Tech Theatrical Services, LLC 98 Knight Street Watertown, CT 06795

RE:

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Dear Mr. Reese:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council regarding the subject docket on:

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 3-5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. to conclusion Camp Rell Nett Hall Smith Street, East Lyme

I am enclosing a copy of our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Fontaine

Fiscal Administrative Officer

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Intervenor (granted 01/07/2010)	⊠ 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		
Intervenor (granted 01/07/2010)	⊠ E-mail	Russell L. Brown 41 Brainerd Road Niantic, CT 06357 (860) 739-5984 (860) 691-1145 fax rds@businessbookpress.com			
Party (granted 01/07/2010)	⊠ U.S. Mail	Town of East Lyme	Edward B. O'Connell, Esq. Waller, Smith & Palmer, P.C. 52 Eugene O'Neill Drive P.O. Box 88 New London, CT 06320 (860) 442-0367 (860) 447-9915 fax eboconnell@wallersmithpalmer.com		
Intervenor (if granted 02/11/2010)	☑ U.S. Mail	New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	Daniel M. Laub, Esq. Christopher B. Fisher, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP 445 Hamilton Avenue, 14 <sup>th</sup> floor White Plain, NY 10601 (914) 761-1300 (914) 761-5372 fax cfisher@cuddyfeder.com dlaub@cuddyfeder.com		

Date: January 13, 2010

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Party (if granted 02/11/2010)	⊠ U.S. Mail	Friends of the Pattagansett Trust	Keith R. Ainsworth, Esq. Evans Feldman & Ainsworth, LLC 261 Bradley Street P.O. Box 1694 New Haven, CT 06507-1594 (203) 772-4900 (203) 782-1356 fax krainsworth@snet.net		