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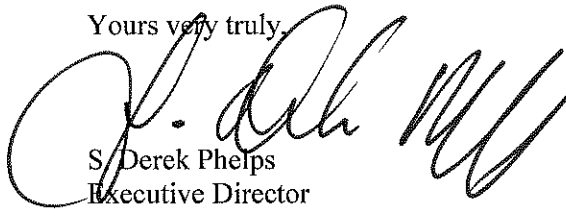
RE: **DOCKET NO. 396** – SBA Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Fisher and Laub:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than February 16, 2010. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 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. A list of parties and intervenors dated January 25, 2010, is enclosed. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,



S/ Derek Phelps
Executive Director

SDP/MP

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Parties and Intervenors

Docket No. 396
Pre-Hearing Questions

1. When was a search ring initiated for this site? Provide the approximate perimeter and center of the search ring. Include scale and compass.
2. What is New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC's (AT&T) existing signal strength in the area that would be covered by the proposed facility?
3. What is the minimum signal level AT&T would consider acceptable for service in the vicinity of the proposed site?
4. What is the minimum signal level that AT&T requires in order to provide adequate in-vehicle coverage? What is the minimum signal level that AT&T requires in order to provide adequate in-building coverage?
5. At what height would AT&T center its antennas on the proposed tower? How many antennas would be installed? How would the antennas be mounted, e.g. T-arm, low-profile platform, etc.?
6. Provide the distance and direction from the proposed site to the existing (or proposed) sites that the proposed tower would interact with. Also include the addresses, tower heights, antenna heights and tower types (e.g. monopole).
7. Would flush-mounted or T-arm-mounted antennas provide the required coverage? Would either configuration result in reduced coverage and/or necessitate greater antenna height? Explain.
8. Would AT&T provide cellular coverage initially and then PCS service later? Explain.
9. Provide the addresses of site S2284, S2285, and S2286 as depicted in Tab F of SBA's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.
10. Provide existing and proposed coverage plots assuming AT&T's antennas are centered at their proposed height, ten feet lower, and twenty feet lower, respectively.
11. Provide the individual lengths of the coverage gaps (in miles) for the roads that AT&T seeks to provide coverage to. Describe criteria and parameters in determining the lengths of the road.
12. Provide the individual lengths of coverage (in miles) that would be provided by the proposed facility on the roads that AT&T seeks to provide coverage to. Provide similar data assuming the antennas are ten feet lower and twenty feet lower, respectively.
13. Provide the areas (in square miles) that would be covered by this facility assuming that AT&T's antennas are centered at the proposed height, ten feet lower, and twenty feet lower, respectively.

14. Provide the following information: number of channels per sector for each antenna system that would be installed on the proposed tower, ERP per channel for each antenna system, and frequency at which each antenna system would operate. Also, provide a power density analysis of AT&T's proposed antennas to determine the worst-case percent maximum permissible exposure at the tower base.
15. Has AT&T considered the Pondcliff Condominium property at 97 West Main Street, Niantic as a possible tower site? Could such tower site provide adequate coverage to the target area that AT&T seeks to cover via the 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic site?
16. Has AT&T considered the Nebelung Farms, LLC property at 138 North Bridebrook Road, Niantic as a possible tower site? Could such tower site provide adequate coverage to the target area that AT&T seeks to cover via the 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic site?
17. T-Mobile Northeast, LLC proposes three new towers in Old Lyme: 232 Shore Road; 387 Shore Road; and 61-1 Buttonball Road. Could any of these tower sites provide adequate coverage to the target area that AT&T seeks to cover via the 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic site?
18. SBA Towers II LLC proposes a new tower facility at 14 Cross Lane, Old Lyme. Could such tower site provide adequate coverage to the target area that AT&T seeks to cover via the 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic site? Explain.
19. Would AT&T have backup power at its tower site? How would backup power be provided, e.g. battery, diesel generator, etc.? Has AT&T considered using a fuel cell as a backup power source for the proposed facility? Explain.
20. If a generator or fuel cell is to be used as a backup power source, would AT&T meet all applicable noise standards at the subject property boundaries? What are the expected noise levels at the fenced compound perimeter and nearest property boundary?
21. Provide the estimated costs of AT&T's antennas and radio equipment for the proposed tower site.

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