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Linda Roberts
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06951

RE: DOCKET NO. 408 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 95 Balance Rock Road, Hartland, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Roberts:

I would like to offer the following comments on behalf of the Metropolitan District (MDC) regarding the above proposal, which is scheduled for public hearing on January 13, 2011.

This proposed telecommunications facility lies on the watershed of the MDC's Barkhamsted Reservoir public drinking water supply. We ask that proper precautions be taken to protect the quality of these resources.

Erosion and sedimentation controls should be planned and designed in accordance with the "2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control." They should also be properly installed prior to any development activities, and must be carefully monitored and maintained throughout the construction process. These controls should be carefully monitored during and after storm events, and promptly repaired or replaced if needed. Disturbed areas must be graded, dressed with topsoil and properly restored to vegetative cover in a timely, sequenced manner. Erosion controls should not be removed until after as the site has been stabilized.

The access roadway should be carefully constructed and maintained to protect water resources. The party(s) responsible for long-term maintenance of this roadway should be clearly specified. Consideration should be given to improving the outflow of the existing drainage structure that crosses under the access roadway.


It is also important that fuel spills and other discharges be avoided. We recommend that fuel not be stored on-site. Care must be taken when fueling and maintaining equipment and machinery on-site. We recommend that absorbent pads be kept on hand in the event of a spill or discharge. Should a spill occur we would like to be notified (860-379-0916 x 3105) and the CT DEP

emergency spill reporting hotline should also be contacted (860-424-3338). We recommend that spill control materials be maintained on-site both during and after construction. In addition, all construction machinery should be stored at a safe distance from wetlands and watercourses when not in use, and the construction area should be kept clean of litter and debris.

We would like to be notified prior to work commencing on the site and would greatly appreciate participating in any pre-construction meetings to be made aware of the timing and sequence of activities, and plans for erosion and sediment control. Should the project be approved, we will monitor the progress of construction activities as part of our routine watershed inspection program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal and we appreciate your efforts to help protect the Barkhamsted Reservoir and its watershed.

Sincerely,


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Natural Resources Administrator

PC: James M. Randazzo, Manager of Water Supply, MDC