

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

APPLICATION OF CINGULAR WIRELESS PSC, LLC FOR A CERTIFCATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CO NSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 8 BARNES ROAD, FALLS VILLAGE, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET: 409

Feb. 2, 2011

INLAND WETLANDS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF CANAAN (FALLS VILLAGE) NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND MOTION TO SHARE DUTIES

The Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission of the Town of Canaan ("IW/CC"), having given notice of its intent to be a party in these proceedings under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§16-50l and 16-50n(a)(2), hereby gives notice of its appearance, and respectfully moves the Connecticut Siting Council to allow individual members of the Commission, appearing here prose, to share duties during the evidentiary hearing on the above-named docket.

The Commission is made up of long-time unpaid public servant citizen-appointees, most of whom have full-time occupations and employment unrelated to their Commission service, and are not professional advocates.

We appear here <u>pro se</u>, in the public interest. Due to the limitations of time and the complexities of the issues and volume of material involved in this proceeding and the large amount of information that must be presented by the Commission and digested by the Siting Council, we respectfully request that our Commission be permitted to share questioning and IW/CC direct case duties as follows:

Ellery W. Sinclair (Commission Chair) [retired teacher]: to handle cross examination of applicant and IW/CC direct case on environment, species and habitat, alternative sites and related issues.

Susan Kelsey (Commission Vice-Chair) [Title researcher]: to handle cross examination of applicant and IW/CC direct case on building, site development, erosion, tree-clearing and site specific issues relevant to the Inland Wetlands permitting process Site and Inland Wetlands permitting process and related issues.

<u>Mark Burdick (Commissioner) [Teacher]</u>: to handle cross examination of applicant and IW/CC direct case on <u>visibility</u>, <u>scenic values</u>, <u>historic values and visual impact and related issues</u>.

The Siting Council's regulations provide for the opportunity for all parties to present evidence and cross-examine all issues to be considered:

Sec. 16-50j-25. General provisions

(a) **Purpose of hearing.** The purpose of the hearing in a contested case shall be to provide to all parties an opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine all issues to be considered by the council and to provide intervenors an opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine such issues as the council permits.

Due to the limitations on the Commission's citizen-members, it would be in the best public interest in the development of a full and fair record on this application to allow the Commission members to share duties as described above.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, the Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission of the Town of Canaan hereby gives notice of its appearance in this proceeding for the purposes of fufilling Section 16-50j-25, and moves the Connecticut Siting Council to allow individual members of the

Commission, appearing here <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>, to share duties during the evidentiary hearing on the abovenamed docket.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellery W. Sinclair, Chairman

Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day, an original and twenty copies of the foregoing was served on the Connecticut Siting Council by first class mail and copy of same was sent postage prepaid to:

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Dated: February 2, 2011