

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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September 9, 2011

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LRoberts*

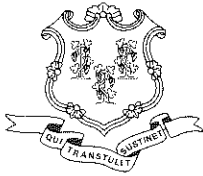
RE: **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

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

LR/laf

Enclosure (1)

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
Ginger Teubner, PURA (via e-mail service)



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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 Thursday, October 27, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Watertown High School Auditorium, 324 French Street, Watertown, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, 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 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 Thursday, October 27, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility, weather permitting.

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-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 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 October 20, 2011. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable 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 October 20, 2011.

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 up to 30 days after the close of the hearing. 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 Offices of the Watertown and Thomaston Town Halls for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by October 20, 2011.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

North Atlantic Towers, LLC and
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Its Representative

Lucia Chiocchio, Esq.
Christopher B. Fisher, Esq.
Cuddy & Feder LLP
445 Hamilton Avenue, 14th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

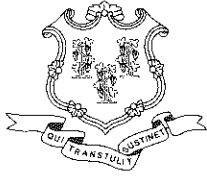
A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on Council website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application docket no. 422.

September 9, 2011

Connecticut Siting Council

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST**

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	<p>Lucia Chiocchio, Esq. Christopher B. Fisher, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP 445 Hamilton Avenue, 14th Floor White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 761-1300 (914) 761-5372 fax cfisher@cuddyfeder.com lchiocchio@cuddyfeder.com</p> <p>John S. Stevens North Atlantic Towers, LLC 1001 3rd Ave. West., Suite 420 Bradenton, FL 34250</p> <p>Michele Briggs AT&T 500 Enterprise Drive Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3900 michele.g.briggs@cingular.com</p>



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TO: Commissioner Daniel Esty
Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection

Commissioner Steven Reviczky
Department of Agriculture

Commissioner Jewel Mullen
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Chairman Kevin M. DeGobbo
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Catherine Smith
Department of Economic and
Community Development

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

Commissioner Peter J. Boynton
Department of Emergency Management
and Homeland Security

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LRoberts*

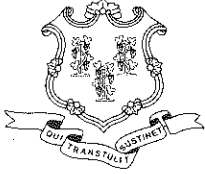
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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before October 20, 2011 will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l. You may access the application and other documents from this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings."

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Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 422

Location: 655 Basset Road, Watertown

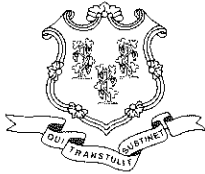
1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?
 No
 Yes – Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.

2. Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway
 No
 Yes – Identify specific needs and access location.

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.
 No
 Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.

4. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?
 No
 Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.

5. Is the proposed facility within a two mile radius of any lands classified as preserved scenic land in accordance with CGS Section 13a-85a, “Acquisition of land adjacent to state highways for preservation and enhancement of scenic beauty and development of rest and recreation areas”, or any designated scenic road in accordance with CGS Section 13b-31c, “Designation of scenic roads”?
 No
 Yes - Specify the location of the preserved scenic land and/or road on a detailed site plan.



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TO: Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP

Thomas J. Regan, Esq.
Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LP

Sandy M. Carter
Verizon Wireless

Julie M. Kohler, Esq.
Cohen and Wolf P.C.

Diane Whitney, Esq./Lee Hoffman, Esq.
Pullman & Comley, LLC

Hans Fiedler
T-Mobile

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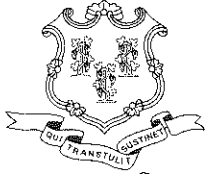
The Connecticut Siting Council has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in Watertown.

If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response on or before October 20, 2011, 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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Enclosure: Hearing Notice

c: Parties & Intervenors
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Edmond V. Mone, First Selectman
Board of Selectmen
Thomaston Town Hall
158 Main Street
Thomaston, CT 06787

RE: Hearing Date - October 27, 2011 in connection with **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Mone:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for the above referenced project that entails the construction of an 150-foot telecommunications tower in the Town of Watertown. Connecticut General Statute § 16-501(p) provides for municipalities within 2,500 feet of a proposed facility to receive adequate notice of the project. The Town of Thomaston is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing for this proceeding that is scheduled in the Town of Watertown on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

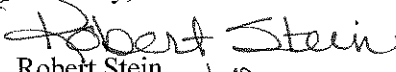
Once an application is filed with the Council at least one public hearing is held in the affected community as well as a public inspection of the proposed site. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms. Municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event you have specific legal questions, please contact our Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman (860 827-2951). Otherwise, you may contact Executive Director Linda Roberts (860 827-2935).

Additionally, please remember that these proceedings are governed by Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50 and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act (UAPA). These require us to proceed in ways often very different from your local planning and zoning agencies. Accordingly, you may wish to consult with your attorney so that you may more effectively assist your community.

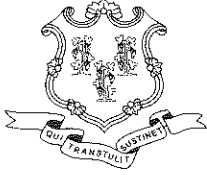
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Sincerely,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/LR/jb



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The Honorable Raymond F. Primini
Chairman Town Council
Watertown Town Hall Annex
424 Main Street
Watertown, CT 06795-2200

RE: Hearing Date - October 27, 2011 in connection with **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Dear Chairman Primini:

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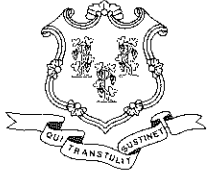
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Sincerely,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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c: Ruth Mulcahy, Land Use Administrator, Town of Watertown
Charles Frigon, Town Manager, Town of Watertown



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

RE: **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reese:

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

Thursday, October 27, 2011
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. to conclusion
Watertown High School Auditorium
324 French Street, Watertown, CT 06795-2934

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

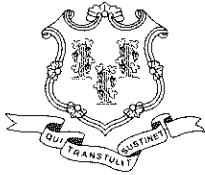
Very truly yours,

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Lisa A. Fontaine
Fiscal Administrative Officer

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

RE: **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Girolomo:

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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.

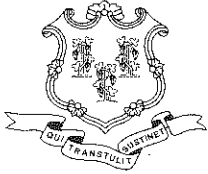
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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
422111027
Town Times (Weekly)
469 Main Street, P.O. Box 1
Watertown, CT 06795-0001

FROM: Lisa A. Fontaine, Fiscal Administrative Officer

RE: **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

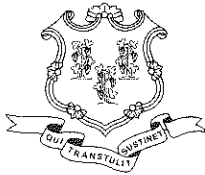
Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

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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Terry Lumia
Watertown Board of Education
10 Deforest Street
Watertown, CT 06795-2190

RE: **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Lumia:

Confirming our telephone conversation, I appreciate the reservation of the Watertown High School Auditorium for a public hearing on Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (1:30 p.m. set up time)

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.

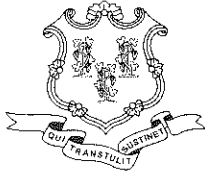
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Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
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(x = chairs)

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(x = chairs) X
X

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

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Podium for
public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)