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**Via E-Mail and First Class U.S. Mail**

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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**Re: Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 425; Message Center Management application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a replacement telecommunications facility located at 4 Dittmar Road, Redding, Connecticut**

Dear Ms. Roberts:

The Town of Redding appreciates the effort put forth by Message Center Management (MCM), through its responses to the Siting Council's interrogatories, to address the Town's issues with MCM's Development and Management Plan in the above-captioned matter. The Town is disappointed, however, that MCM rejected the Town's alternative suggestions for the landscaping plan.

The Town's Tree Warden believes that the evergreen species that MCM chose are not deer-resistant, so the Town suggested alternative species. MCM rejected that suggestion. MCM also rejected the Town's suggestion of annual spraying of deer repellent. So, we are left with MCM's original landscaping plan consisting of non-deer-resistant evergreens, an 8-foot fence, and no deer repellent. As anyone who has tried to keep deer out using a fence can tell you, deer will very often find a way to get through or over the fence.

The Town believes that deer will be attracted to MCM's evergreen plantings and that the fencing may not be sufficient to keep deer out. MCM has agreed to inspect and maintain the fence as necessary. The Town requests that the Council require MCM, in the event that the fence fails and deer damage the evergreens, to arrange for spraying of deer repellent on an as-needed basis, but in no event less frequently than once annually. The Town believes this to be a reasonable and minimal requirement in order to address its concerns.

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I certify that a copy of this document has been provided by electronic mail and/or first-class mail on this day to all parties on the Siting Council's service list for this Docket.

Sincerely,

By: *Brad Mondschein*  
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Attorney For Town of Redding