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RE: **DOCKET NO. 427** – 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 operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, or 82 Short Beach Road, East Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Ainsworth:

In response to your request of June 14, 2012, on June 21, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted party status under C.G.S. § 16-50n and C.G.S. § 4-177a, and CEPA intervention status under C.G.S. § 22a-19 for the Town of Branford in Docket No. 427.

Please note that the Telecommunications Act of 1996, a law passed by Congress, restricts this Council's actions. For example, this Act prohibits any state or local government agency, including this Council, from regulating telecommunication towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with the FCC's regulations concerning such emissions. Also, this Act blocks state and local government agencies, such as this Council, from prohibiting personal wireless services for any town or area. Finally, this Act prohibits such state and local government agencies from unreasonably discriminating among wireless service providers. We ask that you please keep this in mind when preparing your case.

All filings submitted to the Council must consist of an original and 15 copies with the docket number, properly collated and paginated, and bound. 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.

Additionally, parties and intervenors are required to serve all other parties and intervenors a copy of any material submitted in this docket, unless service is waived. Please advise us in writing if you are willing to waive service of documents. Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the current service list, dated June 21, 2012, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings is sent to siting.council@ct.gov.



Copies of all Council documents filed to date in this proceeding are available for your review at the Council's office or on our website. You or your representative should inspect this material to ensure that you are aware of all scheduled proceedings and regulatory responsibilities. The applicant and other parties and intervenors will be notified of your participation and directed to forward to you a copy of all filings made to date in this proceeding. Please contact Melanie Bachman, if you require any further information regarding the Council's procedure.

Very truly yours,

Linda Roberts
Executive Director

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c: Parties & Intervenors
Enc: Service List