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TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR/MAB*

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.

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At the public hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) on July 10, 2012, the Council requested that the Applicant provide responses to the following “homework assignments”:

1. Determination if the properties at 8 and 9 Hilton Avenue, East Haven, are within the year-round viewshed of the East Haven Site.
2. Provide the addresses for the residences shown in photos 2 and 3 behind Application Tab 5C.
3. Indicate the extent of visibility of the Branford Site from the residences along Little Bay Avenue, Branford.
4. Are there any licensed Day Care facilities within 250 feet of either site?
5. Are there any public or private primary or secondary schools within 250 feet of either site?
6. Describe any emergency service measures taken to provide service to the Short Beach area during the Irene and Alfred storm events. Please provide the location(s) of any installations (on map), the height of the installation(s), what type of wireless service it provided (frequencies /users), how extensive was coverage compared to the proposed sites, duration of emergency service, and how it was funded.
7. Is it possible to install a single generator to provide emergency power to all of the carriers that locate at the facility? What type of enclosure and fuel tank size would be required for such an installation?
8. Would a two tower solution consisting of one shorter tower at each proposed location be feasible to serve the Short Beach area? If so, what tower heights would be required to meet AT&T's coverage objectives?

9. Please provide information as to the reason for and adequacy of the multiband antenna installations at the following AT&T sites: 922 Danbury Road, Wilton; 80 Shuttle Meadow Road, Southington; 178 New Haven Road a/k/a Kluge Road, Prospect; and 347 East Street, Wolcott.

In addition to the above "homework" request, as discussed at the hearing, the Council requests that the Applicant respond to the following questions:

10. Please describe the balloon fly that occurred on July 10, 2012, including length of the tethers, diameter of the balloons, and weather conditions as the day progressed.
11. At the hearing, there was a discussion regarding FAA requirements if the height of the East Haven tower exceeded 103 feet above ground level. Would the installation of a whip antenna on top of the tower cause the facility to be subject to FAA marking/lighting requirements?
12. Is a tower height of 110 feet acceptable to the applicant at the Branford Site? If no, please explain why not.
13. The coverage plots do not indicate if coastal waterways have coverage or lack coverage. How important is it for AT&T to provide service to boaters on the water? How far out over the water does a useable signal travel?
14. Does the seasonal influx of subscribers in the summer pose any issue of coverage and/or capacity within the service area?
15. Please comment on the Council on Environmental Quality July 3, 2012 letter in regards to avian resources. Please provide an avian resources map for the project area.

Please forward responses to these questions no later than August 8, 2012.  
Thank you.

c: Council Members