

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DATE: March 26, 2013

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 428** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) 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: Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut, or 126 Transylvania Road, Roxbury,

Connecticut.

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-181a (c), which provides that an agency "may, without further proceedings, modify a final decision to correct any clerical error...," the Connecticut Siting Council hereby corrects a clerical error in the final Opinion on page 1. Please see the enclosed errata sheet in connection with the correction for the above-referenced proceeding.

Please remove the old page and insert the corrected one.

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This errata sheet corrects the Opinion at Page 1. Page 1 previously read:

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## **Opinion**

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AT&T's Site A candidate would be located on a 96.5-acre parcel with frontage along Route 67. For this site, AT&T would construct a 75-foot by 75-foot compound and would erect a 170-foot tower. The site would require an access drive from Route 67 approximately 1,300 feet long and planned by the property owner. From there, AT&T would install a new 12-foot wide gravel access drive that would extend approximately 210 feet to the tower site. The AT&T portion of the access would have a four percent grade. Underground utilities would be extended from a new riser pole on Route 67 and would generally follow the complete path of the access.

AT&T's Site B candidate would be located on a 21.02-acre parcel with frontage along Transylvania Road. At this location, AT&T would construct a 75-foot by 75-foot compound and would erect a 170-foot tower. AT&T would utilize an existing 330-foot asphalt driveway and construct a proposed 600-foot long and 12-foot wide gravel access drive to reach the proposed tower compound. The proposed access grade would vary from 9 percent to a maximum of 24 percent. Utility service for the proposed facility would be extended underground from a new pole on the subject property and would generally follow the existing access drive.

At Site A, the tower setback radius would extend approximately 37 feet onto the Naugatuck Savings Bank property to the south. At Site B, the tower setback radius would lie completely within the host property. One off-site residence is located within 1,000-foot radius of the Site A tower location. Ten off-site residences are located with 1,000 feet of the Site B tower location.

The Site A tower would be visible year-round from approximately 18 acres with additional seasonal visibility of approximately 47 acres. The Site B tower would be visible year-round from 68 acres with additional seasonal visibility of 62 acres. Both sites would be visible year-round from a total of ten residences. Site A would be visible from 12 additional properties during leaf-off conditions, and Site B would be visible from 7 additional properties during leaf-off conditions.

The Eastern Box Turtle, a State-designated species of special concern, may be found at either Site A or Site B. Neither site would have any effect on historic or cultural resources. There are wetlands proximate to both candidate sites, but, with proper erosion and sedimentation controls in place, construction would not be expected to have a significant adverse wetland impact at either site. Site B has a potential vernal pool in the eastern portion of the subject property, approximately 295 feet away. Thus, construction

Page 1 of the Opinion (with corrected language underlined):

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