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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

DATE: October 26, 2012
TO: Participants
FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR/WAB*
RE: **DOCKET NO. 432** – Feasibility study of back-up power requirements for telecommunications towers and antennas pursuant to Public Act 12-148.

In anticipation of the public hearing to be held on November 1, 2012, Public Act 12-148, An Act Enhancing Emergency Preparedness and Response, requires the Connecticut Siting Council (Council), in consultation and coordination with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), to study the feasibility of requiring backup power for telecommunications towers and antennas as the reliability of such telecommunications service is considered to be in the public interest and necessary for the public health and safety.

The study shall consider the following:

1. Federal, state and local jurisdictional issues of such backup power requirements, including, but not limited to, siting issues;
2. Similar laws or initiatives in other states;
3. The technical and legal feasibility of such backup power requirements;
4. The environmental issues concerning such backup power; and
5. Any other issue concerning backup power that PURA deems relevant to such study.

This is not a contested case proceeding. Given the general scope of the feasibility study and to avoid repetition, the public hearing will proceed with carrier appearances as one joint panel for cross-examination after each carrier individually verifies their interrogatory responses and exhibits.

The Council will issue a draft hearing program before the public hearing. To ensure efficiency, carriers will be seated at the table in the order shown on the hearing program. Please place nameplates on the table in front of each witness that also identify the carrier on whose behalf each witness is appearing.

Please be advised that the location of the public hearing has changed. It will be held on November 1, 2012 at 11 AM in **Hearing Room One**, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

