

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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IN RE:

APPLICATION OF HOMELAND TOWERS, LLC
(HOMELAND TOWERS) AND NEW CINGULAR
WIRELESS PCS, LLC (AT&T) FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TOWER FACILITY IN WASHINGTON,
CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 441

November 26, 2013

APPLICANTS' SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION

In furtherance of Docket 441, please find attached the following:

1. Applicants' Pre-Filed Statement Of Facts In Lieu Of Direct Testimony, dated November 26, 2013.
2. Letter from Department of Energy and Environmental Protection confirming that the State's Natural Diversity Database indicates that there are no extant populations of Federal or State-listed Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species that may be affected by the project as described in the application dated August 29, 2013.

ATTACHMENT 1

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APPLICANTS' PRE-FILED STATEMENT OF FACTS IN LIEU OF DIRECT TESTIMONY

- The need for reliable wireless service in the Town of Washington and particularly Washington Depot is well known and well documented.
- For several years, the Town of Washington has diligently researched potential solutions for wireless services to be provided in Washington Depot, a historic hamlet within the Town.
- The Town of Washington consulted with the wireless carriers included Town meetings where AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile were invited to discuss the need for and lack of alternatives for tower siting in Washington Depot.
- AT&T requires a new wireless facility in Washington in and around the hamlet of Washington Depot to address the lack of reliable in-vehicle and in-building coverage.

- The municipal property at 10 Blackville Road was identified by the Town as the most viable location for siting of a tower facility in Washington Depot to meet the needs of the community for reliable wireless services.
- The Town obtained its own independent analyses and detailed information regarding the potential environmental effects of a tower at the Town Garage site as part of its consideration of a lease with Homeland Towers.
- As part of the process, the Town of Washington and several of its constituent agencies conducted detailed and thorough reviews of the area and this specific site in its own efforts to minimize environmental impacts.
- Town electors voted to lease Town property to Homeland Towers for development of a tower facility that would be used by FCC licensed wireless carriers such as AT&T and emergency communications providers such as Litchfield County Dispatch.
- The proposed monopine tower facility was specifically designed to accommodate AT&T, other federally licensed carriers as well as emergency communications antennas.
- No significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified by the Applicants as part of federal, state and local reviews to date and visibility mitigated to the greatest extent possible.

ATTACHMENT 2



Connecticut Department of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

Bureau of Natural Resources
Wildlife Division
Natural History Survey – Natural Diversity Data Base

August 29, 2013

Mr. Andrew Maziarski
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Regarding: CT112 – Washington, Washington, CT – telecommunications tower
Natural Diversity Data Base 201303348

Dear Mr. Maziarski:

In response to your request for a Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) Review of State Listed Species for project CT112 – Washington, our records for this site indicate that there are no extant populations of Federal or State-listed Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species that may be affected by the project as described in the application.

The Natural Diversity Data Base includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available. If the project is not implemented within 12 months, then another Natural Diversity Data Base review should be requested for up-to-date information.

Please be advised a more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the proposed site. Should state involvement occur in some other manner, specific restrictions or conditions relating to the species may apply.

Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. If you have further questions, I can be reached by email at Elaine.hinsch@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 424-3011.

Sincerely,
/s/
Elaine Hinsch
Program Specialist II
Wildlife Division

