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First Selectman Clay Cope  
Town of Sherman  
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Re: New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T")  
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility  
New Milford Tower Project – Siting Council Docket No. 444

Dear First Selectman Cope:

We are writing to you on behalf of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") in response to information provided by Mr. David Hopkins of the Public Safety Communications Committee and the Town's consultant, RCC in furtherance of AT&T's request for a Section 16-501 consultation with Sherman as an adjacent community to the tower proposed in Docket 444.

We thank Mr. Hopkins and RCC for providing detailed information for AT&T's review. We understand from our communications with Mr. Hopkins that the Town has, unrelated to AT&T's project, undertaken some preliminary assessments of a property on Evans Hill Road in Sherman for development of a new communications tower for use in a municipal emergency communications network. As requested by Mr. Hopkins and using the coordinates provided, AT&T's RF engineers evaluated the Evans Hill Road property and determined that a new tower facility at this location would not meet AT&T's coverage objectives and fail to provide reliable wireless service along Route 7 and in the Gaylordsville area of New Milford. As shown in the enclosed propagation map prepared by AT&T at the height requested, the Evans Hill Road location would leave significant gaps in coverage in the area AT&T is seeking to serve. Particularly as compared with the proposed tower site at the FirstLight Hydro property in New Milford. As such, AT&T has determined that the Evans Hill Road location in Sherman is not a viable alternative for its New Milford tower project.


The one area of the Town of Sherman where there appears to be a synergy on solving the public's need for both public safety/emergency communications network and commercial wireless network improvements continues to be in southern Sherman. AT&T is still working on its evaluations of the Wagon Wheel Road properties in southern Sherman, properties which the Town stated as a municipal preference to the proposed tower on Coote Hill Road in furtherance of Section 16-501. AT&T is also planning to incorporate the Town of Sherman's public safety emergency communications equipment needs into those project plans for submittal to the State Siting Council in a future and unrelated Docket application. We will keep you apprised of our progress and conclusions prior to filing any such application with the Council for southern Sherman coverage.

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At this time and with respect to Docket 444 and the proposed tower in New Milford, we are, by copy of this letter to the Siting Council, updating the agency on AT&T's technical consultations with the Town of Sherman. To the extent the Town wishes to provide AT&T with any further comments, please provide them to us by the close of the 90 day consultation period, February 11, 2014 and we will be sure to provide them to the Siting Council for incorporation into the official record in Docket 444.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if we may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



Christopher B. Fisher

cc: Planning & Zoning, Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commissions, Town of Sherman  
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