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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 445** - Homeland 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 Ridgefield Town Assessor Map Parcel #D08-124, southwest of the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will hold a pre-hearing teleconference on procedural matters on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All parties and intervenors are requested to participate. The purpose of this pre-hearing conference is to expedite the hearing procedure without sacrificing an informative record necessary for the Council to render a decision.

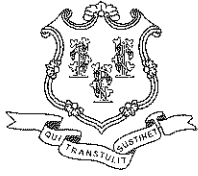
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At the conference, parties and intervenors will be encouraged to discuss requirements for pre-filed testimony, exhibit lists, administrative notice lists, expected witness lists, and the filing of pre-hearing interrogatories.

Each party and intervenor is requested to provide all other parties and intervenors that participate in the teleconference a list of witnesses and the subjects their pre-filed testimony will address, a list of documents to be administratively noticed, and copies of any available exhibits to be offered at the hearing. The pre-hearing conference will also address the grouping of parties and intervenors and the order of presentations at the hearing.

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Pre-hearing Conference, April 24, 2014, Hearing Procedure

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Pre-hearing Procedure

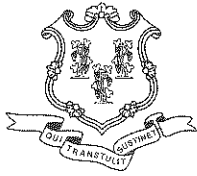
1. On or before April 10, 2014, all parties and intervenors are requested to exchange pre-hearing interrogatories with all other parties and intervenors.
2. On or before April 17, 2014, all parties and intervenors are requested to file responses to pre-hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with the Council and all other parties and intervenors. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing.
3. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to file a written petition with the Council on or before April 17, 2014.
4. All filings are to be in accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.
5. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, at least ten business days prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall erect and maintain, in a legible condition, a sign not less than six feet by four feet at the entrance to the property from a public road where the proposed facility is to be located. The sign shall set forth the name of the applicant, the type of facility, the public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (Web site and phone number).
6. Enclosed is a list of items the Council wishes to notice administratively. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the hearing.

Hearing Procedure

7. A public field review of the proposed site will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the proposed site, weather permitting, during the field review.
8. The 3:00 p.m., April 24, 2014, hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to introduce exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by the Council and all parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to introduce their exhibits and witness panels, and be subject to cross-examination by the Council, the applicant and all other parties and intervenors.
9. All participants are requested to place nameplates on the table in front of each witness at the hearing.
10. The order of appearances and cross-examination will be governed by a hearing program developed by the Council for the proceeding. The Council may issue a draft version of the hearing program to parties and intervenors prior to the hearing.
11. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session on April 24, 2014, will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. The Council requests that the applicant conduct a brief presentation prior to public comment, using 24-inch by 36-inch diagrams depicting site features, including a map showing abutting properties. The diagrams must be from materials already submitted into the record.
12. If time remains, the 7:00 p.m. hearing session may provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to continue their appearances and cross-examination that began during the 3:00 p.m. hearing session.
13. The Council will provide public officials who have not been granted party or intervenor status an opportunity to make a statement.
14. The Council may, at its discretion, group parties and intervenors with the same interests.
15. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
16. Any party or intervenor, including those that are members of non-profit corporations or citizens groups, that have attained party or intervenor status in the proceeding are deemed to be represented in the proceeding and may not submit oral or written statements into the record.
17. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.

Post-hearing procedure

18. A verbatim transcript of the hearing session will be made and deposited with the Ridgefield Town Clerk's Office, Ridgefield, Connecticut for the convenience of the public.
19. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
20. Members of the public will be allowed to submit public statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
21. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and public statements will be final and no extensions will be granted.



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Docket No. 445

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