

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SITING COUNCIL

Homeland Towers 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
Old Stagecoach Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

: DOCKET # 445

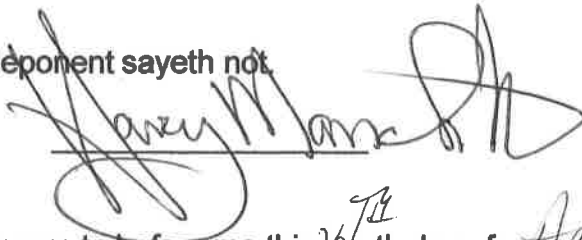
: APRIL , 2014

AFFIDAVIT OF Harry Manchester

I, Harry Manchester, the undersigned, being duly sworn, do depose and say:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and believe in the obligations of an oath.
2. A true and accurate copy of my pre-filed testimony for use before the Connecticut Siting Council attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. I am the author of the attached pre-filed testimony and believe the facts contained therein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FURTHER the deponent sayeth not.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 2014.



_____, Commissioner of the Superior Court
Notary Public
My commission expires: 9/30/18



Exhibit A

April 11, 2014


Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Dear Chairman,

In regard to your hearing on Thursday, April 24, 2014 in the town of Ridgefield, Connecticut on the application of Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the construction of a cell tower, I am presenting the following environmental concern:

- Has there ever been a study completed on the water run off from the site and its possible effect, directly and/or indirectly, on the adjacent areas? More importantly a study should be completed after a bituminous road has been constructed on the greatest incline leading down to the footprint of the tower. This new bituminous road would change the rate, the volume, and/or the directional flow of the water down the mountainside.
- On the site plan drawing I see a proposed erosion control blanket for the discharge of the waters flowing down this newly constructed road, but no proposed plan if this blanket does not work. Can Homeland Towers definitely assure everyone concerned that this blanket will curtail the flow of water?
- There is a designated wetland area in close proximity to the tower's footprint which could be affected by possible erosion of the Conservation's land. How can the engineers guarantee this possible problem being solved without actually doing an on site study?
- The Titicus River flows parallel to Ledges Road where this runoff could eventually find its way if it is not properly contained or discharged. More importantly, the Titicus River is one of the head waters which eventually flow into a reservoir which supplies New York City with some of its drinking water. If Homeland Towers, New Cingular, the Town of Ridgefield, and the Connecticut Siting Council can't assure New York City that the quality of their water in the Titicus Reservoir will not be compromised by this runoff without ever having completed any type of study, the more power to those making this decision. Has the New York City's Department of Environmental Protection been notified of the current proposed cell tower site and more importantly this Connecticut Siting Council hearing?

Sincerely,



Harry Manchester
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Ridgefield, Connecticut