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March 13, 2014

Ben Oko
Town of Ridgefield
Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877

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.

Dear Mr. Oko:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence dated March 6, 2014 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50(b), a copy of the application is required to be submitted to the Town of Ridgefield, including the Conservation Commission, for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

In the event that the Town of Ridgefield or the Conservation Commission does not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Please note you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated February 18, 2014





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The Honorable Robert Stein, Chairman
Members of the Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Mr. Stein and Siting Council Members:

The Ridgefield Conservation Commission has the following questions and comments vis a vis the proposed cell tower to be constructed off Old Stagecoach Road. This tower and its enclosure is on a lot entirely surrounded by town owned property deeded to be under the jurisdiction of the commission. It will be used for passive recreation having a trail that goes around the property passing above the site of the tower.

1. We would like to know the calculations for storm water for the one year, 24-hour storm event to complete our understanding of pre and post development conditions. Our recommendation is that the peak rate of runoff from the development of the property not exceed the existing condition for the 1 through 100 year storm events.
2. Does the proposed discharge from the detention basin avoid being a point discharge through the use of the swale? Our recommendation is that the outlet from the detention basin to its ultimate discharge point, the wetlands on town land, be non-erosive.
3. We would ask that the disturbed areas be monitored for invasive species to help reduce their increased presence on the neighboring property.
4. The facility that holds the equipment be fenced with a black vinyl coated chain link fence to minimize the visual effect of the enclosure.
5. There should be landscaping that screens the enclosure from the pedestrian trail that will run above the installation. This should be done along the downhill side of the trail, not along the enclosure itself. The specific number, size and location of the plant materials to achieve this can be determined later in concert with the conservation commission and the developer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Oko

For the Ridgefield Conservation Commission in consultation with Alan Pilch

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