

February 18, 2015

VIA EMAIL & OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Hon. Robert Stein, Chairman
and Members of the Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 452
Homeland Towers, LLC (HT)
and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility
250 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Connecticut

Dear Chairman Stein and Members of the Council:

This letter and enclosure are respectfully submitted on behalf of Homeland Towers, LLC ("HT") and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T"), the Applicants in the captioned Docket.

Today we received the enclosed correspondence dated February 10, 2015 from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the Applicants' proposed Facility at 250 Canaan Road in Salisbury. It should be noted that the submission to SHPO for review of the proposed Facility under the National Historic Preservation Act was made by HT's consultants on November 21, 2014, or 81 days before the February 10th correspondence from the SHPO.

As noted in the enclosed SHPO letter, the no adverse effect determination is conditioned on a monopole tower. Given this determination and the record in this proceeding which demonstrates that the monopine design is not material to the limited visual impact of the proposed Facility, the Applicants respectfully propose that the Siting Council consider a 150' tall monopole designed facility. Indeed, as the Siting Council may recall, at the December 4, 2014 hearing in this Docket, HT's visual consultant testified that for any future expansion of the proposed facility, a monopole designed tower will have less of a visual impact than a taller monopine. (Libertine, Tr. 12/4/14 3pm. pp. 33-37).

It is respectfully submitted that a monopole design for the proposed Facility will not change the limited visual impact of the proposed Facility and certainly does not outweigh the established public need for reliable wireless services in this area of Salisbury.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Lucia Chiochio

Enclosures

cc: Curtis Rand, First Selectman, Town of Salisbury
Jim Dresser, Selectman, Town of Salisbury
Katherine Kiefer, Selectman, Town of Salisbury
Ray Vergati, Homeland Towers
Michele Briggs, AT&T



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February 10, 2015

Mr. Lucas Karmazinas
All-Points Technical Corporation
3 Saddlebrook Drive
Killingworth, CT 06419

Subject: Proposed Telecommunications Tower
250 Canaan Road
Salisbury, CT
Homeland Towers

Dear Mr. Karmazinas:

The State Historic Preservation Office is in receipt of the proposal for the above-referenced project, submitted for review and comment pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act and in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations.

It is the opinion of this office that the proposed undertaking, which consists of the construction of a new 157' monopine tower within a 60' by 70' fenced compound, will have no adverse effect on contributing resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, with the following conditions:

1. A 157' monopole (instead of a monopine) and associated equipment within a 60' by 70' fenced compound will be designed and installed to be as non-visible as possible,
2. if not in use for six consecutive months, the monopole and associated equipment shall be removed by the telecommunications facility owner. This removal shall occur within 90 days of the end of such six-month period,
3. Provide two bound copies of the phase I archaeological report to this office,
4. Follow the recommendations of the phase I archaeological report which consists of a temporary protective fence throughout the construction period and properly marked construction drawings.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and

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comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For further information please contact Todd Levine, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 256-2759 or todd.levine@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary B. Dunne'.

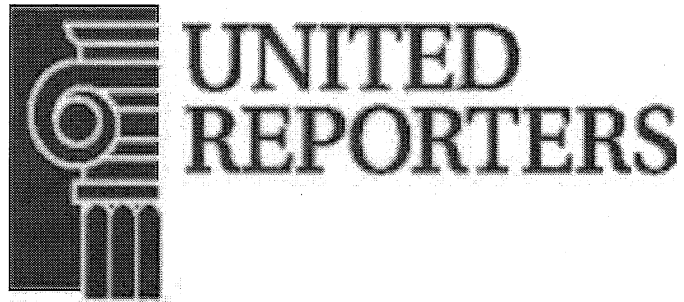
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Docket No. 452

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
Salisbury Tax Assessor Map 16, Lot 5, 250
Canaan Road, Salisbury, Connecticut.

Council Meeting held at the Salisbury
Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 27 Main
Street, Salisbury, Connecticut, Thursday,
December 4, 2014, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :

ROBERT STEIN, Chairperson

JAMES J. MURPHY, JR., Vice Chairperson

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 for public safety, especially down toward the 2 lakes. 3 In addition, I have spoken to 4 LCD, Litchfield County Dispatch, Dan Soule. 5 And Dan is in the process of running 6 propagation maps. He'll have them next week. 7 But he told me, as early as yesterday, that 8 the site looks excellent for them and that 9 they would foresee that they would have the 10 same antenna setup as they did in our 11 Washington site, which would basically be 12 three whip antennas, two at the top and a 13 third located further down. And that would 14 help their three-county channels that they 15 have for repeaters in the area. 16 MR. PERRONE: Thank you. 17 That's all I have. 18 THE CHAIRPERSON: All right. 19 Thank you. 20 We'll now proceed with 21 questions from the Council. 22 Senator Murphy. 23 SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you, 24 Mr. Chairman. 25 In follow up to the last</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 SENATOR MURPHY: -- adequately 2 service? 3 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Uh-huh. 4 SENATOR MURPHY: Which leads 5 me to my follow-up. I really don't really 6 have a problem with this application. 7 There's certainly in need out here. But 8 there's a need for other carriers, and 9 that's my concern about, not today, but 10 what's -- what's down the road here. 11 In response to the initial 12 questions from staff, Mr. Chasse, you 13 indicated that the tower could be designed 14 differently. I thought he was driving at how 15 you were designing the base. Is it being 16 designed so that it can go higher than 17 150 feet? 18 THE WITNESS (Chasse): As it 19 stands now, no. It's being designed as a 20 150-foot monopine. However, it could be 21 designed to be taller and have additional 22 carriers. 23 SENATOR MURPHY: Well, if we 24 approve it, the design is going to come 25 pretty quick. What's it going to be? Is it</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 question, apparently there is an interest in 2 the town. And you're prepared to allow the 3 town to go on the space free of charge, if 4 the space is available? 5 THE WITNESS (Vergati): Yes, 6 we would agree to that. 7 SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. Lavin, 8 what do you consider the minimum height to 9 service AT&T at this height, at this 10 location? 11 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I think 12 we -- we -- we, in our interrogatory 13 responses, we showed some loss in the area of 14 coverage, some road coverage and population 15 coverage. Given the difficulty building out 16 here, we really wanted to make this cover as 17 much as we can. I don't know if we'd ever 18 have another site to pick up what we lost 19 from 146. I think that's our -- our minimum 20 that we would consider. 21 SENATOR MURPHY: So the 22 proposed height at which you're coming on 23 this pole, you consider to be the minimum 24 to -- 25 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 going to be more design? 2 THE WITNESS (Vergati): We 3 would look to the Council, as far as what 4 your wishes were, for future collocation if 5 you felt that it was appropriate to have a 6 design in place for extension. 7 SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I don't 8 know what the wishes would be of everybody 9 here, but it's, you know, my reaction is, if 10 AT&T feels that they're up there where it's 11 the lowest spot they could go to, it's not 12 going to be all that attractive for other 13 carriers coming along and they're going to be 14 looking to be higher. And I think this is, 15 kind of, the time to talk about it. And 16 well, we'll start with Mr. Libertine. 17 If it were to go up 15 or 18 20 feet, what's the effect on the visibility? 19 I mean, this is not like the big residential 20 area, I realize, but still let's -- 21 THE WITNESS (Libertine): 22 Right. It certainly would -- if we're 23 talking about another 20 feet, we're 24 certainly going to start to open up some new 25 areas. Most likely, my guess is that we're</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 probably going to look at the areas that you 2 now -- where we've either seen it with 3 balloon or had predicted you would see it, 4 those areas will certainly expand. 5 So, for instance, if we have 6 an area that might be an eighth of a mile 7 long along a road, that's probably going to 8 open up. And it could conceivably double the 9 visibility in some -- some of those isolated 10 areas. 11 My bigger concern, again, I 12 don't think it's going to be an overall large 13 acreage for a footprint that we're talking 14 about. I would start to question the use of 15 a monopine when we start talking about a 16 height of 170 feet or that neighborhood. I 17 think now we're -- honestly, we're -- we're 18 probably pushing the height of a monopine 19 when you're talking 157, 160 feet. That's 20 probably about the maximum that you'd want to 21 really consider that. I think, at that 22 point, what happens is, if we go higher with 23 a faux tree, it stars -- it starts to really 24 not do the job of what the concealment is 25 really designed for. So, in that case,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 perspective, monopines can be extended. It 2 certainly could be extended as a monopine. 3 However, now -- now we get into the aesthetic 4 issue, which is a separate discussion. 5 THE WITNESS (Chasse): Which I 6 wanted to dovetail off of as well. 7 If it's going to be a 8 truncated pole or a monopine at this point, 9 say, it's designed for 180 foot, and we build 10 150 for now and waiting for someone to come, 11 the extent of the branching and the 12 receptors, where they're going to be located, 13 some of them are perpendicular, some of them 14 are -- are hinged down at a certain angle, 15 the length of them, you're basically going to 16 have a branching scenario at the top of the 17 tree, a little hat sitting on the top, that's 18 not going to look as aesthetic, because 19 you're basically -- it looks like you've 20 topped the tree. You put a little topper on 21 it, when you really need that other 30 feet 22 or 20 feet to feather in the branchings to 23 give it the true -- 24 SENATOR MURPHY: So, in 25 essence, if it goes up any higher, it's a new</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 because it's broader and it -- it can 2 actually draw the eye more, so I would be a 3 proponent, if we were going to consider that, 4 you might want to consider a monopine -- a 5 monopole. 6 One of the challenges we may 7 have -- and Mr. Vergati may want to jump 8 in -- is that I know there have been 9 discussions all along from the beginning of 10 this being a monopine, and I know that that 11 may be driven by the landlord. 12 SENATOR MURPHY: You mean a 13 monopole, not a monopine? 14 THE WITNESS (Libertine): 15 We've always lead with a monopine here -- 16 excuse me -- yes. And I think that was 17 because of some discussions early on with 18 either the landlord and/or the town. 19 SENATOR MURPHY: Well, kind 20 of, my next question was going to be, if 21 someone comes along and said, we want to go 22 up, what are you guys going to? And I guess 23 you've been thinking about it. 24 THE WITNESS (Libertine): 25 Well, just to close the loop from our</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 ballgame, so to speak? 2 THE WITNESS (Libertine): 3 Yeah. I mean, again, these can be 4 retrofitted in the field. But, I think, to 5 Scott's point, that it would -- it would be 6 in addition to going, let's -- I was going to 7 throw 20 feet out there -- if later on 8 someone came and said, we want the 20 feet, I 9 think, as Scott indicated, we're probably 10 talking about reestablishing 50 feet of that 11 tree faux branching to really make it look 12 like a tree or at least to resemble a tree. 13 It -- it can be done. I don't 14 want to give the impression it can't be done, 15 but there are some logistical considerations. 16 SENATOR MURPHY: And I guess 17 my last question, kind of, goes back to the 18 bats. I guess, is your intention, once the 19 Council, if it approves this, to go right 20 ahead and build it right away or -- 21 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): 22 Well, at the -- at very least, we would get 23 the trees cleared so the area is ready for 24 construction. 25 SENATOR MURPHY: That was my</p>