

# ATTACHMENT 12

June 23, 2014

**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager  
Town of Glastonbury  
Town Hall  
2155 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Message Center Management (“MCM”)  
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility  
Seven J’s Farm, Glastonbury, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to you on behalf of Message Center Management Inc. (“MCM”) with respect to its proposal to construct a wireless communications tower facility at Seven J’s Farm in northern Glastonbury. The purpose of our letter is to commence a formal consultation process with you and other Town of Glastonbury officials prior to any application being filed by MCM and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) with the State of Connecticut Siting Council. Enclosed you will find a detailed Technical Report prepared by MCM which includes information on AT&T’s need for the new tower, alternatives evaluated and the environmental effects of the project as identified at this time.

Background and Need for the Tower

MCM is a company that specializes in the development of tower infrastructure to serve a community’s wireless communications needs and works closely with municipalities, commercial wireless carriers and public safety agencies. MCM has developed numerous towers globally, domestically, in the state and is headquartered in Hartford. This specific project is one of the several that MCM and AT&T representatives have discussed with you as part of an overall effort to provide reliable wireless services in Glastonbury.

As you will recall from our meetings in 2013, the exponential growth in consumer use of mobile data and overall network demands requires the development of additional wireless infrastructure to reliably serve the public. This is particularly true in a community like Glastonbury with over 30,000 residents and which is a town with one of the largest geographic areas in the state with highly varied terrain and development patterns. As shown in the Technical Report materials including data from AT&T’s, this proposed tower facility would provided reliable 4G LTE service to over 1,700 residents in the area, places of significant public use such as Addison Park, and several miles of main and secondary roads. These gaps in reliable service are notable and this proposed facility is one of AT&T’s planned new wireless facility sites in Glastonbury to address coverage deficiencies and capacity constraints in its network and provide high speed 4G service.

### The Tower Project

For this and other projects in Glastonbury, MCM has collaborated with AT&T and is proposing a new tower at Seven J's Farm to meet it and other FCC wireless carriers' need for new infrastructure to reliably serve the public in the immediate area. MCM would own, maintain and operate the tower facility subject to any approval the Connecticut Siting Council may issue for the project. The project as currently proposed would consist of a 127' monopine structure within a fenced compound on the nearly 9 acre agricultural parcel.

AT&T's antennas would be placed at the top level of the structure with equipment installed at grade within the compound. Should the Town EMS, fire or police services have a need at this location, they could be accommodated as well. The tower and fenced compound are further designed to support the antennas and equipment of other FCC licensed wireless carriers. The facility will be unmanned with no sanitary or water facilities and will generate an average of one vehicle trip per month by each carrier at the site, consisting of a service technician in a light duty van or truck.

### State Siting Council - Balance Of Need With Environmental Impact

Connecticut State policy generally recognizes the need for new towers to serve the public and has designated the Connecticut Siting Council as the state agency with responsibility for reviewing and approving specific tower proposals. The Siting Council will be called on to evaluate this proposal once an application is filed with the agency. The Siting Council's focus is on balancing the need for a tower on a case by case basis with any significant adverse environmental impacts. Jurisdiction over any proposed cellular telecommunications facility rests exclusively with the Siting Council and would be in lieu of local zoning, wetlands and other types of municipal land use review and approvals.

### Town Input & Procedural Next Steps

MCM is providing the enclosed Technical Report to the Town of Glastonbury and adjacent municipalities within 2,500 feet of the site in accordance with Section 16-50I of the Connecticut General Statutes. The statute requires consultation with a municipality in which a tower facility is proposed prior to submission of an application with the Siting Council. The purpose of the local consultation is to give the municipality in which the facility has been proposed an opportunity to provide the prospective applicant with any recommendations or preferences it may have prior to the filing of an application with the Siting Council.

Upon review of Section 16-50I(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes, you will note that municipalities also have the option of conducting a noticed public information session on any proposed cellular tower facility. State law requires any such information session to be held by the Town during the first 60 days of the 90 day period afforded to the municipalities for consultation with a prospective Siting Council applicant. As such, should Glastonbury elect to conduct a public information meeting regarding this project, it should occur on or before August 23, 2014. For such public information sessions, our typical practice is for introductions to be

made by a municipal official, have the project team make a presentation (usually a power point) and then respond to public questions moderated by a local official or agency.

In advance of any public information session, we and MCM representatives would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and the Town Planning Director to discuss the project in greater detail. Additionally, MCM's visual consultants will be conducting a balloon float and field review in the coming weeks and thereafter produce photosimulations and a final visual assessment that we plan on sharing with the Town as part of the technical consultation process. To the extent the Town has specific areas it would like to see photo documented as to potential visibility and this tower proposal, that can certainly be coordinated as part of the visual experts scope of work.

In advance, we thank you for your consideration and will follow this correspondence with a call to your office to discuss next steps regarding the municipal consultation process. We look forward to meeting with you further on this project and learning more about Glastonbury's interests, concerns and any recommendations prior to filing an application with the Siting Council.

Very truly yours,



Christopher B. Fisher

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**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL - AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, GLASTONBURY**

Council Members: Stewart Beckett III, Chairman; Whit Osgood, Vice Chairman; Kurt P. Cavanaugh; Karen Boisvert; Timothy P. Coon; Jill Barry, Lawrence J. Byar; William T. Finn; Thomas P. Gullotta;

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**COMMUNITY MEETING – 8:00 P.M.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON POTENTIAL LOCATION OF A COMMUNICATION TOWER AT PROPERTY LOCATED OFF CANDLEWOOD ROAD.

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING – 8:00 P.M.**

**NO. 1 \$290,000 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT FOR THE GIDEON WELLES SCHOOL WINDOW PROJECT.**

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1. Roll Call.
  - (a) Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Comment.
3. Special Reports.
4. Old Business.
5. New Business.
6. Consent Calendar.
  - (a) Action on resolution adopting 2014-2019 Capital Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.
  - (b) Action on appropriation of grant monies for Agriscience (VoAg) Program (set public hearing).
7. Town Manager's Report.
8. Committee Reports.
  - (a) Chairman's Report.
9. Communications.
  - (a) Thank you letter from Sandy Allen, South Glastonbury Public Library Association, for FY 2015 contributory grant.
10.
  - (a) Minutes of September 16, 2014 Pre-Budget Workshop.
  - (b) Minutes of September 23, 2014 Regular Meeting.
11. Appointments and Resignations.
  - (a) Resignation of Reggie Babcock from the Ethics Commission (D-2015).
  - (b) Reaffirmation of Appointment to MDC Board of Directors – Non-Voting Member.
12. Executive Session.
  - (a) Pending litigation – LAC Group v. Town of Glastonbury.
  - (b) Land acquisition.
  - (c) Personnel matter.