

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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November 13, 2015

TO:

Parties & Intervenors

FROM:

Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 463 – American 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 East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East

Lyme, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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c: Secretary of the State (via e-mail service)
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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the East Lyme Town Hall, Upper Meeting Room, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from American Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, maintenance, and operation of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility, weather permitting.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by December 8, 2015. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before December 8, 2015.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the hearing. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the East Lyme Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by December 8, 2015.

The applicant is represented by the following:

Applicant

Its Representative

American Tower Corporation & New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Christopher B. Fisher, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP 445 Hamilton Avenue, 14th Floor White Plains, NY 10601

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on the Council website at http://www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 463.

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TO:

Thomas Regan, Esq., Brown Rudnick LLP

Julie D. Kohler, Esq., Cohen and Wolf P.C.

Michele Thomas, T-Mobile

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq., Robinson & Cole LLP

FROM:

Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE:

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LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East

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In furtherance of the state tower sharing policy pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50aa, we ask that each telecommunications carrier affirmatively state whether that carrier would likely seek to be located on this proposed facility at any time within the foreseeable future. If any carrier would like to participate in this proceeding, a response on or before December 8, 2015, will be appreciated.

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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee

Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection

Commissioner Jewel Mullen Department of Public Health

Chairman Arthur House Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Commissioner Catherine Smith Department of Economic and Community Development

Robert Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Connecticut Airport Authority

Daniel Forrest Director of Arts & Historic Preservation State Historic Preservation Office

Commissioner Dora B. Schriro Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner Steven Reviczky Department of Agriculture

Karl Wagener, Executive Director Council on Environmental Quality

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary Office of Policy and Management

Thomas A. Harley, P.E., Chief Engineer Bureau of Engineering and Construction Department of Transportation

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director Connecticut Airport Authority

Todd Levine Historian/Environmental Reviewer State Historic Preservation Office

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE: DOCKET NO. 463 – American 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 East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced application. Your response on or before December 8, 2015 would be appreciated.

You may access the application and other documents for this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings."

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Mark Nickerson, First Selectman Town of East Lyme P.O. Box 519 Niantic, CT 06357

RE: Hearing Date – December 15, 2015 in connection with DOCKET NO. 463 – American 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 East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Nickerson

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your municipality in connection with the above-referenced application. Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50m, at least one hearing session shall be held at a location selected by the Council in the county in which the facility or any part thereof is to be located after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the public hearing that is scheduled on December 15, 2015.

After an application is filed with the Council, a public inspection of the proposed site and at least one public hearing is held in the host municipality to hear concerns from residents. The municipality's participation at the public hearing may take many forms. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary portion of the public hearing, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session of the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council at any time before, during or within 30 days after the close of the public hearing.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event that you have legal questions, please contact our Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,

Robert Stein Chairman

RS/RDM/cm





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November 13, 2015

TO:

Classified/Legal Supervisor

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The New London Day

P.O. Box 1231

New London, CT 06320

FROM:

Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary 11

RE:

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for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East

Lyme, Connecticut.

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to:

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Darlene Stevens dstevens@eltownhall.com

RE:

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Dear Ms. Stevens:

Confirming our telephone conversation of October 26, 2015, I appreciate the reservation of the <u>Upper Meeting Room</u> at the East Lyme Town Hall for a public hearing on December 15, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy Secretary II

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