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RE: **DOCKET NO. 429** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M23-P62 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, Connecticut; or Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M18-19 Old South Willington Road, Willington, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Laub and Fisher:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than August 31, 2012. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 20 copies to this office. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director

c: Council Members  
Michele Briggs, AT&T

**Docket 429: New Cingular Wireless (AT&T)  
Willington, Connecticut  
Pre-Hearing Interrogatories, Set One**

1. Of the letters sent to abutting property owners, how many certified mail receipts did AT&T receive? If any receipts were not returned, which owners did not receive their notice? Did AT&T make additional attempts to contact those property owners?
2. When was the search ring for this site established? Where was the approximate center of the search ring? What was the approximate diameter of the search ring?
3. How did AT&T become aware of the need for a facility in this area?
4. Has AT&T received any indication that the Town of Willington would be interested in placing antennas on the proposed tower?
5. Quantify the amounts of cut and fill that would be required to develop a facility at the Candidate A site. At the Candidate B site.
6. Would any blasting be required for either site?
7. Would the proposed facility comply with recommended guidelines of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for minimizing the potential for telecommunications towers to impact bird species?
8. Would the proposed facility impact an Important Bird Area identified by the Audubon Society?
9. What are the frequencies AT&T is licensed to use in the area covered from the proposed facility?
10. Identify the adjacent sites with which the proposed facility would hand off signals. Include addresses of these sites.
11. What is the signal strength for which AT&T designs its system? For in-vehicle coverage? For in-building coverage? Does this signal strength differ according the different frequencies AT&T is licensed to use?
12. What is the existing signal strength in those areas AT&T is seeking to cover from this facility? At what frequencies?
13. Does AT&T have any statistics on dropped calls in the vicinity of the proposed facility? If so, what do they indicate? Does AT&T have any other indicators of substandard service in this area?
14. What are the distances that would be covered from the respective Candidate sites along the State Routes 74 and 320?

15. What are the total areas that AT&T would be able to cover from the proposed facility at the Candidate A site at its different frequencies? At the Candidate B site?
16. What is the lowest feasible height at which AT&T's antennas could fulfill the coverage objectives from the proposed facility at the Candidate A site? At the Candidate B site?
17. What kind of fuel would the backup generator use? How many hours of service would the generator be able to provide before it needs to be refueled?
18. How many trees with a diameter at breast height of six inches or greater would be removed to develop the facility at the Candidate A site?