

AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE SOUTHERN : CONNECTICUT SITING
 NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A
 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
 AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF FOUR
 TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS AND ASSOCIATED : COUNCIL
 EQUIPMENT BUILDINGS IN THE TOWNS OF
 SOUTHINGTON, HARTFORD, EAST HARTFORD AND
 SOUTH WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT TO PROVIDE
 DOMESTIC PUBLIC CELLULAR RADIO
 TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE. : November 16, 1983

O P I N I O N

The Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) applied to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of four telecommunications towers and associated equipment in the towns of Southington, Hartford, East Hartford, and South Windsor, Connecticut to provide Domestic Public Cellular Radio Telecommunications Service (cellular service). The application was amended subsequently by the withdrawal of the South Windsor site.

On September 29 and 30, 1983, the Council held public hearings on the proposed telecommunications facilities at One Central Park Plaza, New Britain, Connecticut. Members of the Council visited the proposed sites on September 27, 1983.

The applicant presented testimony and exhibits to support its claims that the facilities are necessary to provide cellular service and that the environmental effects are not so severe as to warrant denial of a certificate. Parties to the proceeding presented testimony and exhibits regarding environmental effects and jurisdictional and procedural issues.

This application, originally for a fractional component of a system, was reduced to a smaller fraction by the deletion of one of the four original sites to allow additional study of alternatives. Approval of

the remaining sites would limit the options for the remainder of the system. Because of such interrelation a decision on this application which does not consider the system needs and the sites necessary as a unit is unwise.

Therefore, the Council denies this application without prejudice. Other issues considered in this proceeding are not decided by this action.