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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

May 17, 2000

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Re: PETITION NO. 455 - AT&T Wireless PCS petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the modification of an existing Connecticut Light and Power electric transmission facility located at 289 Danbury Road in Wilton, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Fisher:

At a public meeting held on May 10, 2000, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that this proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50k would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition, dated April 25, and May 9, 2000.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mortimer A. Gelston'.

Mortimer A. Gelston
Chairman

MAG/FOC

Enclosure: Staff Report dated May 10, 2000

C: Honorable Paul F. Hannah, Jr., First Selectman, Town of Wilton
Salvatore Giuliano, NU
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AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc.
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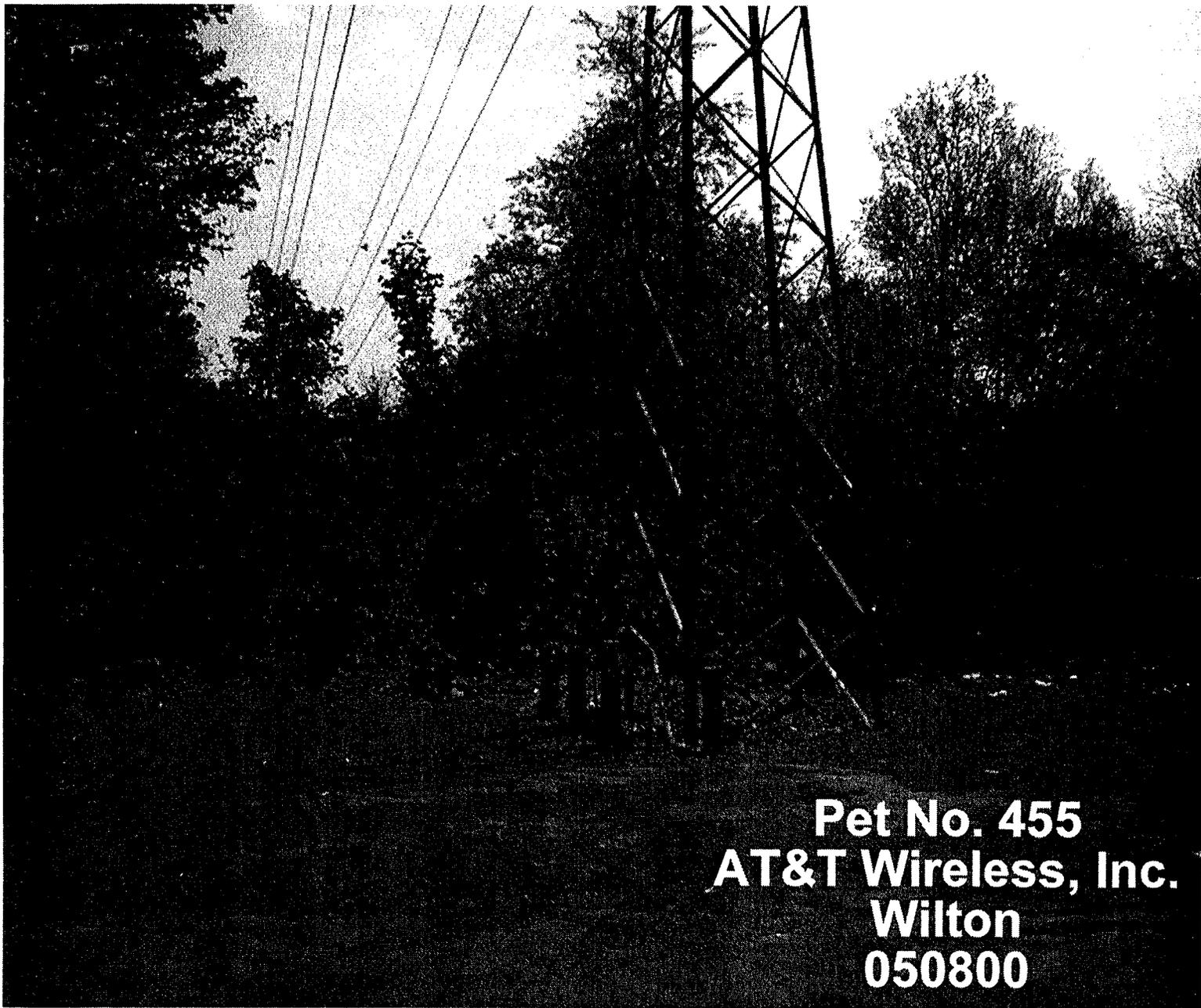
On May 8, 2000, Connecticut Siting Council (Council) member Edward S. Wilensky, and Fred Cunliffe of Council staff met AT&T Wireless PCS (AT&T) representative Michael Austin of Pinnacle Site Development for inspection of a Connecticut Light & Power Company (CL&P) electric transmission line structure (no. 2998) located at 289 Danbury Road (Route 7) Wilton. AT&T, with the agreement of CL&P, proposes to modify the transmission structure for telecommunications use and is petitioning the Council for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) is required for the modification.

AT&T proposes to attach an 8.6-inch diameter pipe extending the existing structure height of 96 feet by 5 feet for a total height of 101 feet. A structural analysis concludes no additional reinforcement is necessary for this proposal. AT&T proposes a low profile antenna cluster mount at the top of the pipe. Also, AT&T would place associated equipment cabinets on a steel frame on concrete piers adjacent to the base of the existing structure within CL&P's right-of-way. The proposed site is adjacent to the Wilton Railroad Station and hidden behind commercial businesses on Route 7. Staff believes no landscaping would be needed.

An existing paved access from Danbury Road would be used by AT&T to access the structure. A 20-foot by 23-foot, 8-foot high chain link fence would surround the equipment and structure. Utilities would be routed underground within the access drive approximately 200 feet from an existing utility pole to the site.

The worst case power density for the telecommunications operations at the site has been calculated to be less than 3.4% of the applicable standard for uncontrolled environments.

AT&T contends that the proposed installation will not cause a substantial adverse environmental effect, and for this reason would not require a Certificate.



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