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February 17, 2010

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 396** - SBA Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut.

At a meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council held on February 11, 2010, the following were made party and intervenors to this proceeding:

PARTY

Friends of the Pattagansett Trust

ITS REPRESENTATIVE

Keith R. Ainsworth, Esq.
Evans Feldman & Ainsworth LLC
261 Bradley Street
P.O. Box 1694
New Haven, CT 06507-1694

INTERVENOR

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

ITS REPRESENTATIVE

Daniel M. Laub, Esq.
Christopher B. Fisher, Esq.
Cuddy & Feder LLP
445 Hamilton Avenue, 14th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

INTERVENOR

Joseph Raia
97 West Main St., Unit 9
Niantic, CT 06357

Please forward a copy of all filings to date in this proceeding to the new party and intervenors, unless service has been waived. A revised service list dated February 16, 2010, is enclosed for your reference.

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Enclosure

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST**

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	SBA Towers II LLC	Carrie L. Larson, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC 90 State House Square Hartford, CT 06103-3702 (860) 424-4312 (860) 424-4370 fax clarson@pullcom.com
Intervenor (granted 01/07/2010)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless	Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103-3597 (860) 275-8200 (860) 275-8299 fax kbaldwin@rc.com
Intervenor (granted 01/07/2010)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Russell L. Brown 41 Brainerd Road Niantic, CT 06357 (860) 739-5984 (860) 691-1145 fax rds@businessbookpress.com	
Party (granted 01/07/2010)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	Town of East Lyme	Edward B. O'Connell, Esq. Waller, Smith & Palmer, P.C. 52 Eugene O'Neill Drive P.O. Box 88 New London, CT 06320 (860) 442-0367 (860) 447-9915 fax eboconnell@wallersmithpalmer.com tmcollins@wallersmithpalmer.com
Intervenor (granted 02/11/2010)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	Daniel M. Laub, Esq. Christopher B. Fisher, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP 445 Hamilton Avenue, 14 th floor White Plain, NY 10601 (914) 761-1300 (914) 761-5372 fax cfisher@cuddyfeder.com dlaub@cuddyfeder.com

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Intervenor (granted 02/11/2010)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	Joseph Raia 97 West Main Street, Unit 9 Niantic, CT 06357 (860) 691-1005 (860) 739-0036 Raia.joseph@sbcglobal.net	



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of 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, February 23, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Camp Rell Nett Hall, Smith Street, East Lyme, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from SBA Towers II, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road, Niantic (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, operation, or maintenance 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 applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. 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, February 23, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility.

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

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by February 16, 2010. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests 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.

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 February 16, 2010.

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 at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or 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 February 16, 2010.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

SBA Towers II, LLC

Its Representative

Carrie L. Larson, Esq.
Pullman & Comley, LLC
90 State House Square
Hartford, CT 06103-3702

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. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 396.

January 14, 2010

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Dear Attorney Laub:

In response to your request of January 12, 2010, on February 11, 2010, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted intervenor status in Docket No. 396 to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

Please note that the Telecommunications Act of 1996, a law passed by Congress, restricts this Council's actions. For example, this Act prohibits any state or local government agency, including this Council, from regulating telecommunication towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with the FCC's regulations concerning such emissions. Also, this Act blocks state and local government agencies, such as this Council, from prohibiting personal wireless services for any town or area. Finally, this Act prohibits such state and local government agencies from unreasonably discriminating among wireless service providers. We ask that you please keep this in mind when preparing your case.

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Additionally, parties and intervenors are required to serve all other parties and intervenors a copy of any material submitted in this docket, unless service is waived. Please advise us in writing if you are willing to waive service of documents. Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the current service list, dated February 16, 2010, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed. It is also requested that an electronic version of all filings is sent to siting.council@ct.gov.

Copies of all Council documents filed to date in this proceeding are available for your review at the Council's office or on our website. You or your representative should inspect this material to ensure that you are aware of all scheduled proceedings and regulatory responsibilities. The applicant and other parties and intervenors will be notified of your participation and directed to forward to you a copy of all filings made to date in this proceeding. Please contact Lisa A. Fontaine, if you require any further information regarding the Council's procedure.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Attorney Ainsworth:

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Dear Mr. Raia:

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