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**From:** Karyl Lee Hall <klhall@clrp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2011 1:01 PM  
**To:** CSC-DL Siting Council

Dear Ms. Bachman,

I am responding to the Siting Council's proposed changes to its procedures concerning the testimony of Conservation Commissions and other environmental groups on applications, including cell tower applications. Please be advised that I will be attending the Public Hearing on December 13, 2011 to offer comments from the Branford Conservation and Environment Commission.

We strongly disagree with the Siting Council's proposal to require Conservation Commissions and other local environmental groups to obtain party or intervenor status in order to testify. This proposal is disheartening in that it ignores the fact that most such groups understand the relevant issues concerning their town better than either the applicant or the Council. In addition, the requirement of party or intervenor status will make it problematic for some groups to testify at all given the extra expense involved. I am hoping that the Council understands that narrowing participation in this way is objectionable to the public it serves and antithetical to a broad and deep review of the applications before it.

Sincerely yours,  
Karyl Lee Hall  
Chairman  
Branford Conservation Commission.