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Judith Whitney, Clerk  
Vermont Public Utility Commission  
112 State Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

**Re: 20-3175-PET, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Hardwick, Vermont**

Dear Ms. Whitney:

On October 21, 2020, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T (“Petitioner”) filed with the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) a petition under 30 V.S.A. § 248a requesting a certificate of public good for a wireless communications facility in Hardwick, Vermont. Six individuals subsequently filed motions to intervene, two individuals filed a motion for hearing, and one individual filed a motion to dismiss. On December 9, 2020, Petitioner filed a motion to dismiss without prejudice. The Commission, in memoranda issued between November 25 and December 10, 2020, requested that the parties respond to each motion.

The Hardwick Planning Commission takes no position on the respective motions of Wayne and Lenore Renaud, Julie Gregonis, Judith Ruskin, Brenda Bolieu, and Nora Gyetko to intervene. The Hardwick Planning Commission takes no position on the motion of Wayne and Lenore Renaud for hearing.

The Hardwick Planning Commission supports the motion of Julie Gregonis to dismiss specifically because AT&T application (20-3175-PET) fails to give due consideration to the Hardwick Municipal (Town) Plan. In particular, the language in the Scenic Resource section is missing from the application.

***“Scenic resources***

***Hardwick is the “Gateway to the Northeast Kingdom” and has a varied landscape including open and wooded land, working farms and appealing village areas. Views of rural lands from the following vantage***

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*points have special scenic importance to the community: Center Road, Bridgman Hill, Slapp Hill, Ward Hill, and Belfry Road. Central to Hardwick's scenic offerings are Buffalo Mountain, Hardwick Lake, the Lamoille River, and Mackville Pond, which contribute to both the beauty and the recreational opportunities. The Hardwick Trails system and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) provide walking and biking in the summer months. In winter, the Hardwick Trails offer groomed cross country skiing and plan to groom its 6 miles of bike trails for fat bikes. The LVRT offers snowmobiling and cross country skiing." (Emphasis added).*

The Hardwick Planning Commission takes no position on the Petitioner's motion to dismiss the case without prejudice.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristen Leahy  
Hardwick Zoning Administrator  
Per request of the Hardwick Planning Commission

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