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Judith Whitney, Clerk Public Utility Commission 112 State Street Montpelier, VT 05620

Via Email

Re: <u>21-3784-PET Petition of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T requesting a Certificate</u> of Public Good for a wireless communications facility in Hardwick, Vermont

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Hardwick Planning Commission (HPC) reviewed the above-referenced proposal at their October 12, 2021 and November 9, 2021 meetings.

At the present time, the HPC finds that the proposed development may remedy the Hardwick Municipal Plan's stated challenge to Hardwick's economy. On page 17, the Hardwick Municipal Plan (adopted in November 2019) notes that "Advances to the connectivity technology continue to occur but the rural spaces are still lacking in full coverage." The Municipal Plan also notes that the "Telecommunications towers and other large obvious structures should be carefully sited to minimize impacts on scenic resources" (page 12). The colocation of the wireless communications facility on an already-existing telecommunications tower responds to this policy.

The HPC has voted to support AT&T Wireless Facility at the Hopkins Hill in Hardwick location.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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