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RE: Post-Construction Report - **DOCKET NO. 415** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

On November 17, 2011, the Council approved an application from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction of a 150-foot monopole at the Quasset Hill Farm at 87 West Quasset Road in Woodstock. The Development and Management Plan for the site was approved on January 5, 2012. Cellco notified the Council of the commencement of construction on January 25, 2012. Cellco provided notice of site completion on January 31, 2013.

The site is located in the central portion of a 30-acre active farm. The tower site is located in a wooded area north of an active agricultural field. The farm is located on a ridge top east of Wappaquasset Pond, a private lake with surrounding cottages.

The Council approved a re-location of the access road on June 21, 2012 that used a southern route across a field to the tower site rather than using an existing dirt road that passed close to the farm buildings/residence.

I conducted a post-construction field review of the site on September 6, 2013. At the time of field review, the site was in service and utilities were in place. The site consists of a 150-foot monopole (according to tower specs) within a 50-foot by 50-foot equipment compound. Cellco installed 12 panel antennas on a platform at the 147-foot level of the tower. No other carriers are located at the site.

Cellco installed an equipment shelter within the fenced compound. The utility board and transformer are located outside of the compound, protected by bollards. The access road passes over a farm drainage ditch using a culvert. The drainage ditch was well vegetated and the culvert has inlet/outlet rip-rap protection.

No site construction-related issues were evident at the time of the inspection. An old tower owned by American Tower Corporation in the southeast corner of the farm property was removed.

Existing views of the tower generally conform to predicted views with the exception of non-predicted year-round views along New Sweden Road near Route 171. Two homes are located in this area.

The observed physical conditions of this site appear conform to the D&M Plan approved by the Council.



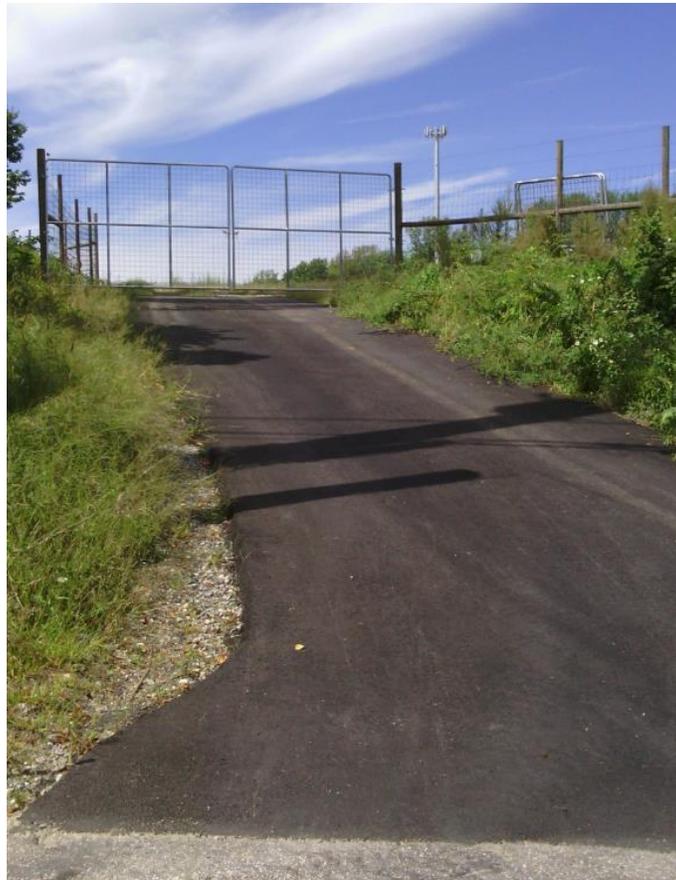
Site location at 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock.



View from field south of site.



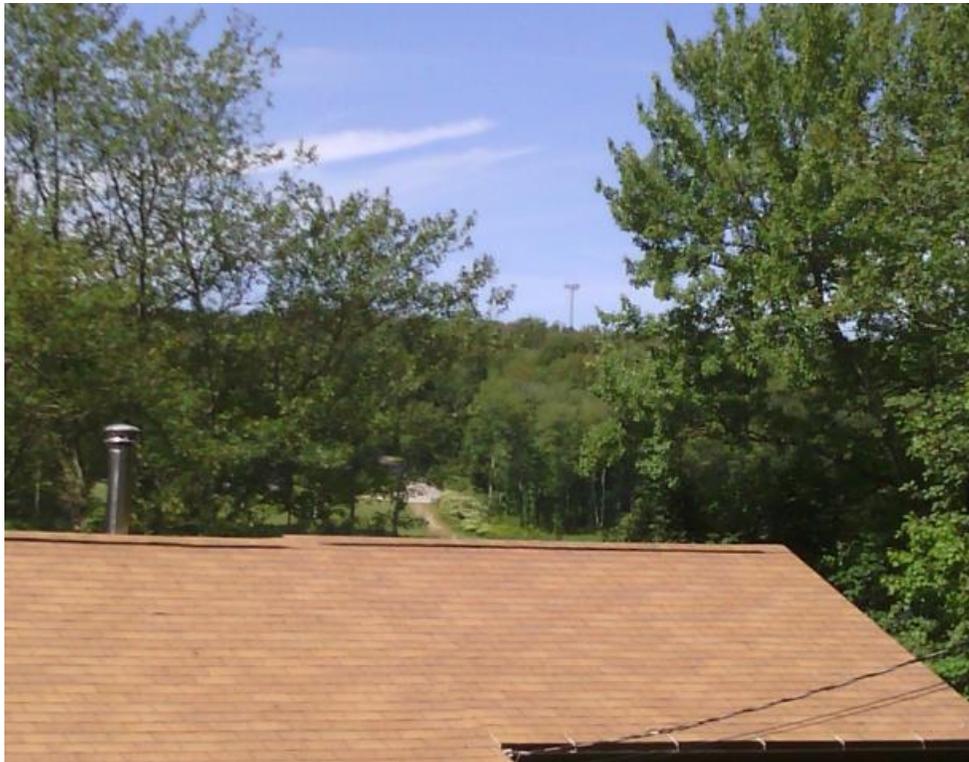
Compound area.



Access road entrance on West Quassett Road. Deer fence/gate is present.



Predicted view of tower from 22 Shore Road, east of site.



Actual view of tower from 22 Shore Road. .



Predicted view of proposed tower from 114 New Sweden Road, west of site.



Actual view of proposed tower from 114 New Sweden Road.



Tower visibility that was not predicted, New Sweden Road near intersection with Route 171.



Tower visibility from West Quasset Road, east of site.