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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 18, 2023

TO: Service List, dated March 17, 2023

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 515 -** Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a

Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located east of the Student Transportation Parking Lot at 180 School Road, Wilton, Connecticut.

Comments have been received from the Connecticut Airport Authority on April 17, 2023. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



TO: Brian Golembiewski, Connecticut Siting Council

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FROM: Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA)

DATE: April 17, 2023

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Dear Distinguished Members of the Connecticut Siting Council and Executive Director Bachman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding Docket No. 515.

While the CAA is grateful that the applicant has done a preliminary review of its responsibilities related to nearby airports, and while that review has not indicated a need for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) review, the CAA continues to strongly urge the applicant to coordinate this project with the FAA. The report presented shows that the facility will be located within 20 nautical miles of a radar facility, that the location and height is within the radar line-of-sight, and the narrative appears to indicate that the project will involve C Band technology. Due to the recent complications that 5G C Band technology has posed for air travel, the CAA strongly urges that the Council require further dialogue between the applicant and the FAA to ensure that this project will not negatively impact the safety of nearby aircraft operations.

The CAA thanks the Council and the applicant for their time and attention regarding matters of aviation safety.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 860-292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.

Executive Director

Connecticut Airport Authority