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IN RE: :
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MCM HOLDINGS, LLC APPLICATION FOR A : DOCKET NO. 517
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL :
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR :
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND :
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS :
FACILITY LOCATED AT THE BOY SCOUTS :
OF AMERICA CAMP HOYT, 288 SIMPAUG :
TURNPIKE (PARCEL NO. 12-29), REDDING, :
CONNECTICUT : JANUARY 16, 2024

RESPONSES OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS TO
INTERROGATORIES FROM INTERVENOR JOANN VILLAMIZAR (SET TWO)

On January 8, 2024, the Intervenor, JoAnn Villamizar issued Interrogatories (Set Two) to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”), relating to Docket No. 517. Below are Cellco’s responses.

Question No. 1

Was Cellco aware of the MCM lease with the Boy Scout Camp at the commencement of its site search?

Response

See Cellco’s response to your November 20, 2023, Interrogatory, Q.2; and its November 1, 2023 responses to Council Interrogatories Q.1 and Q.2.

Question No. 2

How did Cellco choose the search center and radius?

Response

The search center is the center of the one-mile search ring established, in this case, to satisfy Cellco’s need for service in northwest Redding. The land within a search ring is an area

from which Cellco can theoretically satisfy its wireless service objectives in that area. Cellco's RF Engineers review mapping information and terrain data to determine the overall antenna height needed in that search ring to satisfy its need. While not all parcels within a particular search ring are necessarily suitable for the development of a cell site, Cellco does its best to identify sites that satisfy its needs and limit, to the extent possible, overall environmental effects. In this docket, those environmental effects have been evaluated thoroughly by the Applicant, MCM.

Question No. 3

Why was the search radius so narrow being only one mile?

Response

A one-mile radius search ring is typical for site searches in CT.

Question No. 4

What is date on which the data that supports the coverage maps which were filed with the MCM application was created?

Response

The coverage maps included in the MCM Application were created on or about February 23, 2023. The data used to create these maps was developed using the Cellco's internal coverage mapping tool (i.e., Atoll) which considers the terrain and antenna transmission patterns.

Question No. 5

Will the proposed cell tower at the Boy Scout Camp provide Cellco with the ability to offer 5G internet in West Redding?

Response

Cellco's proposed Redding North Facility will be capable of providing wireless services in its 5G frequencies (3700MHz). However, the coverage at these frequencies is limited to the

area much closer to cell site itself due to the higher frequency.

Question No. 6

Please explain the discrepancy between the Verizon coverage maps submitted as part of the Application and the Jason Jaffee's testimony and evidence (Exhibit IV-7) relative to the no coverage zones on the Cellco maps and the lack thereof found by Mr. Jaffee?

Response

See Cellco's January 16, 2023, response to Tim Keyes Interrogatory Q. 5.

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