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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 11, 2024

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 521** – Tarpon Towers III, LLC and Celco 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 and associated equipment located at 1021-1041 South Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut.

Dear Town Manager Kimball:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated July 10, 2024 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50/(b), a copy of the application is required to be submitted to the Town of Cheshire for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council must carefully consider all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and consider all of the concerns received from members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

The Council developed a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an opportunity to participate. This schedule included a public hearing on June 13, 2024, that included an afternoon evidentiary session for cross examination of the applicant and an evening public comment session for the convenience of the public.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list in the proceeding. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated March 13, 2024
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Dear Executive Director Bachman:

The Town of Cheshire's Town Council discussed the proposed cell tower adjacent to King Rd. at its regular meeting of July 9, 2024, and unanimously voted to submit written comments **in opposition** to this application due to the proposed tower's proximity to nearby residential properties. This decision was based upon a discussion of the information provided in the application and from comments and concerns expressed by residential neighbors in the immediate area. The proposed tower would be sited approximately 85' from a residential property; this is unacceptably close to a residence. The Cheshire Town Council respectfully respects that this application be denied.

If, despite the Town's opposition to this cell tower application, the Siting Council is inclined to approve the application, the Town Council respectfully requests that, at a minimum, the following conditions be required as part of the approval:

- 1) The 94' monopole cell tower should be required to be constructed as a monopine tower to improve the visual/aesthetic impact in the area and for those adjacent residential neighbors who will be impacted by its installation;
- 2) The operators of the proposed cell tower should be required to conduct annual monitoring of the RF signal strength levels and provide said results to the Town of Cheshire to be made available for nearby residents concerned about potential health effects of the tower's operation;

- 3) The Town of Cheshire should be provided with space on the proposed tower and at the base platform for emergency services radio equipment and a generator for Cheshire Police and Fire to utilize for potential improved emergency communications in the future.

The Town of Cheshire thanks the esteemed members of the Connecticut Siting Council for their time and careful consideration of these public comments.

Sincerely,



Sean M. Kimball
Town Manager

Cc: Tarpon Towers III, LLC
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Robinson & Cole LLP
Cheshire Station LLC (Property Owner)
Cheshire Town Council
Jeff Donofrio, Cheshire Town Attorney