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Via Federal Express and Electronic Mail

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Re: **Docket No. 544 - Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC 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 577 West Main Street (Route 82), Norwich, Connecticut**

Letter in Lieu of Post Hearing Brief

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On behalf of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”), please accept this letter in lieu of a Post-Hearing Brief, in support of the above-referenced application for the construction, operation and maintenance of a wireless telecommunications facility at 577 West Main Street in Norwich, Connecticut (the “Property”).

The Application

On September 30, 2025, Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) filed an application with the Siting Council (“Council”) for a Certificate of Environmental Capability and Public Need (the “Application”) to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at the Property. On November 17, 2025, Cellco filed a Request for Intervenor Status, which the Council approved on December 11, 2025. On December 23, 2025, AT&T filed a request to withdraw as co-applicant, which the Council acknowledged on December 24, 2025.

The Facility would provide Cellco customers and emergency service providers in the area with improved wireless service along Route 82 (West Main Street), Dunham Street, Pine Street, and New London Turnpike, as well as other local roads in Norwich. The evidence in the record confirms that Cellco’s service in this area is unreliable.

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Site Search

Cellco established a search area in the vicinity of the Property in 2018. Cellco was made aware of the proposed facility shortly after the Application was filed with the Council and determined that the proposed facility would satisfy its search area coverage objectives. Cellco reviewed two rooftop installation candidates and alternate locations identified by AT&T in its site search summary and five locations identified by the City of Norwich. Except for the locations where ARX/AT&T indicated the property owner did not have an interest, Cellco reviewed the other locations from an RF perspective. The proposed facility satisfies Cellco's coverage objectives and at a lower centerline than any of those other locations.

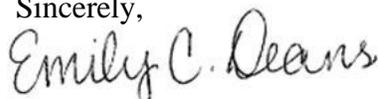
Public Need

The unrefuted evidence in Docket No. 544 reveals that intermittent gaps in wireless service totaling 0.4 miles along Route 82 (West Main Street), 0.3 miles along Dunham Street, and 0.2 miles along New London Turnpike in Cellco's 700 MHz "base frequency" exist today in Norwich. These gaps cannot be filled by service from Cellco's surrounding sites in Norwich. Service from the proposed facility will fill these existing service gaps and provide capacity relief to Cellco's existing Norwich West CT (Beta Sector) cell site, which is currently operating in exhaust. The Facility will also allow Cellco to increase its wireless signal strength to provide improved in-building coverage to various commercial and industrial uses in the area.

Conclusion

The unrefuted evidence in the record clearly demonstrates that there is a need for the proposed facility and that the improved service from the proposed tower will significantly benefit people in the Norwich community. Cellco respectfully requests that the Council issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need in the above-reference docket.

Sincerely,



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