

1                   STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
2                   CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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4                   Docket No. 494

5                   Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
6                   application for a Certificate of Environmental  
7                   Compatibility and Public Need for the  
8                   construction, maintenance, and operation of a  
9                   telecommunications facility located south of  
10                  Chestnut Hill Road at the intersection with  
11                  Grilley Road and Lyman Road (Parcel No. 101-1-5B),  
12                  Wolcott, Connecticut.

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14                  VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE

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16                  Public Comment Hearing held on Tuesday, December  
17                  8, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. via remote access.

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20                  H e l d   B e f o r e:

21                  ROBERT SILVESTRI, Presiding Officer

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25                  Reporter:   Lisa L. Warner, CSR #061

1   **A p p e a r a n c e s :**

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3   **Council Members:**

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6       **Department of Energy and Environmental**  
7       **Protection**

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24       **Fiscal Administrative Officer**

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1   **A p p e a r a n c e s: (Cont'd.)**

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3           **For Applicant Cellco Partnership d/b/a**  
4           **Verizon Wireless:**

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8                           **BY: KENNETH C. BALDWIN, ESQ.**

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10           **For Intervenor New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC**  
11           **(AT&T):**

12                   **CUDDY & FEDER LLP**  
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14                   **White Plains, New York 10601**

15                           **BY: DANIEL PATRICK, ESQ.**

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19           **Also present: Pryme Tyme**

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24           **\*\*All participants were present via remote access.**

1 MR. SILVESTRI: Good evening, everyone.  
2 This remote public hearing is called to order this  
3 Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. My name  
4 is Robert Silvestri, member and presiding officer  
5 of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other members  
6 of the Council are Robert Hannon, designee for  
7 Commissioner Katie Dykes of the Department of  
8 Energy and Environmental Protection; Quat Nguyen,  
9 designee for Chair Marissa Paslick Gillett of the  
10 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; John  
11 Morissette; Michael Harder; Edward Edelson; and  
12 Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

13 Members of the staff are Melanie  
14 Bachman, executive director and staff attorney;  
15 Michael Perrone, siting analyst; and Lisa  
16 Fontaine, fiscal administrative officer.

17 As all are keenly aware, there is  
18 currently a statewide effort to prevent the spread  
19 of the Coronavirus. And this is why the Council  
20 is holding this remote public hearing, and we ask  
21 for your patience.

22 If you haven't done so already, we ask  
23 that everyone please mute their computer audio  
24 and/or telephone at this time.

25 This is a continuation of a remote

1 public hearing that began at 2 p.m. this  
2 afternoon. A copy of the prepared agenda is  
3 available on the Council's Docket No. 494 webpage,  
4 along with the record of this matter, the public  
5 hearing notice, instructions for public access to  
6 this remote public hearing, and the Council's  
7 Citizens Guide to Siting Council Procedures.

8 This hearing is held pursuant to the  
9 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General  
10 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative  
11 Procedure Act upon an application from Cellico  
12 Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless for  
13 a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and  
14 Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and  
15 operation of a telecommunications facility located  
16 south of Chestnut Hill Road at the intersection  
17 with Grilley Road and Lyman Road in Wolcott,  
18 Connecticut. This application was received by the  
19 Council on September 2, 2020.

20 The Council's legal notice of the date  
21 and time of this remote public hearing was  
22 published in The Waterbury Republican American on  
23 October 14, 2020. Upon this Council's request,  
24 the applicant erected a sign near the proposed  
25 access road entering the subject property from

1 Chestnut Hill Road so as to inform the public of  
2 the name of the applicant, the type of facility,  
3 the remote public hearing date, and contact  
4 information for the Council.

5 This remote public comment session is  
6 reserved for the public to make brief statements  
7 into the record. The deadline for the public to  
8 sign up to speak during this public comment  
9 session was Tuesday, December 1, 2020. No member  
10 of the public signed up to speak, however. And  
11 please be advised that written comments may be  
12 submitted by any person within 30 days of this  
13 public hearing.

14 I'd like to request the applicant to  
15 make a very brief presentation to the public for  
16 those who are joining us describing the proposed  
17 facility.

18 And Attorney Baldwin, would you be  
19 doing that for us this evening?

20 MR. BALDWIN: I will. Thank you, Mr.  
21 Silvestri.

22 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you.

23 MR. BALDWIN: Good evening, everyone.  
24 My name is Ken Baldwin. I'm a lawyer with  
25 Robinson & Cole. And I'm here tonight on behalf

1 of the applicant, Cellco Partnership doing  
2 business as Verizon Wireless.

3 Cellco is proposing to establish a new  
4 wireless telecommunications facility on a 10.17  
5 acre parcel of land south of Chestnut Hill Road  
6 near its interconnection with Grilley Road and  
7 Lyman Road in the Town of Wolcott, Connecticut.  
8 That is shown on Sheet C-1 that is currently on  
9 your screen. The property is owned by PAL  
10 Properties LLC.

11 Moving on to the second sheet there,  
12 the facility will consist of a 120 foot tower  
13 located within a 50 foot by 50 foot facility  
14 compound fenced and secure, also within a 75 foot  
15 by 75 foot leased area. The facility compound is  
16 approximately 850 feet south of Chestnut Hill  
17 Road.

18 Access to the facility will be over a  
19 gravel access driveway which will extend from  
20 Chestnut Hill Road, as depicted here on Sheet  
21 SP-1, up the hill to the cell site. This plan  
22 shows grading, proposed grading and drainage  
23 improvements that would be associated with the  
24 driveway to access the site.

25 The last sheet of these three sheets

1 shows the details of the proposed tower compound  
2 and a tower elevation itself. Again, it is a 120  
3 foot monopole tower with Verizon Wireless antennas  
4 mounted to the top of the tower. The equipment  
5 associated with the Verizon Wireless antennas  
6 would be located, again, within the facility  
7 compound near the base of the tower.

8           Since the filing of this application,  
9 AT&T Wireless has also sought intervenor status  
10 and was granted intervenor status in this docket,  
11 and is looking to share the proposed facility if  
12 it is approved by the Siting Council. AT&T  
13 antennas would go approximately 10 feet below the  
14 Verizon Wireless antennas on the tower, and AT&T  
15 equipment would also be located within the  
16 facility compound.

17           Thank you, Mr. Silvestri.

18           MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you, Attorney  
19 Baldwin.

20           Again, I'd like to reiterate that no  
21 member of the public signed up to speak, but  
22 please be advised that written comments may be  
23 submitted by any person within 30 days of this  
24 public hearing.

25           And moving to closing, before closing



1 the evidentiary record of this matter, the  
2 Connecticut Siting Council announces that briefs  
3 and proposed findings of fact may be filed with  
4 the Council by any party or intervenor no later  
5 than January 7, 2021. The submission of briefs or  
6 proposed findings of fact are not required by this  
7 Council, rather we leave it to the choice of the  
8 parties and the intervenors.

9           Anyone who has not become a party or  
10 intervenor, but who desires to make his or her  
11 views known to the Council, may file written  
12 statements with the Council within 30 days of the  
13 date hereof.

14           The Council will issue draft findings  
15 of fact, and thereafter parties and intervenors  
16 may identify errors or inconsistencies between the  
17 Council's findings of fact and the record.

18 However, no new information, no new evidence, no  
19 argument, and no reply briefs, without our  
20 permission, will be considered by the Council.

21           Copies of the transcript of this  
22 hearing will be filed at the Wolcott Town Clerk's  
23 Office and the Waterbury City Clerk's Office.

24           I hereby declare this hearing  
25 adjourned. I thank you all for your

1 participation, and enjoy the evening. Thank you  
2 again.

3 (Whereupon, the above proceedings  
4 concluded at 6:37 p.m.)  
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1 CERTIFICATE OF REMOTE HEARING

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3 I hereby certify that the foregoing 10 pages  
4 are a complete and accurate computer-aided  
5 transcription of my original stenotype notes taken  
6 of the Siting Council Public Comment Hearing in  
7 Re: DOCKET NO. 494, CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A  
8 VERIZON WIRELESS APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
9 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR  
10 THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A  
11 TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED SOUTH OF  
12 CHESTNUT HILL ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION WITH  
13 GRILLEY ROAD AND LYMAN ROAD (PARCEL NO. 101-1-5B),  
14 WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT, which was held before ROBERT  
15 SILVESTRI, PRESIDING OFFICER, on December 8, 2020.  
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20 Lisa L. Warner, CSR 061  
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