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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

October 21, 2020

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 495** - 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 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received the application for the above-referenced telecommunications facility on October 16, 2020.

According to Section 16-50/-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, “no certificate of environmental compatibility and public need shall be granted to any person until a complete application containing all information deemed relevant by the Council has been filed.”

Staff has reviewed this application for completeness and has identified a deficiency in the notice to the Towns of Easton and Trumbull. Pursuant to Section 16-50/ of the Connecticut General Statutes, “each application shall be accompanied by proof of service of a copy of such application on: (1) each municipality in which any portion of such facility is to be located... and **any adjoining municipality having a boundary of not more than two thousand five hundred feet from such facility**, which copy shall be served on the chief executive officer of each such municipality...” (emphasis added). The Towns of Easton and Trumbull are within 2,500 feet of the proposed location for this facility.

Also, State Senator Cathy Osten (District 19) was sent notice rather than State Senator Tony Hwang (District 28) and no notice was sent to State Representative Hughes (District 135) for the Town of Easton.

Therefore, the application is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that the applicant provide notice to the Towns of Easton and Trumbull and engage in a 90-day municipal consultation with the Towns of Easton and Trumbull and provide notice to State Senator Tony Hwang and State Representative Anne Meiman Hughes in accordance with C.G.S. §16-50/ on or before November 19, 2020.

The Council’s request for a 90-day municipal consultation with the Towns of Easton and Trumbull shall have the effect of tolling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 150-day tower siting timeframe in accordance with Paragraph 53 of the FCC Declaratory Ruling issued on November 18, 2009 (FCC WT Docket No. 08-165) and the FCC Order on Reconsideration adopted on August 3, 2010 (FCC 10-144).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-827-2951.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

c: Council Members