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Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

September 24, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 356** - 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 at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

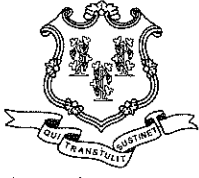


Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

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Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC
Lisa Fontaine, CSC



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, November 6, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Auditorium, 20 Wolf Pit Road, Farmington, Connecticut 06032, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut..

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Thursday, November 6, 2008, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Thursday, October 23, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by October 30, 2008. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.



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Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before October 30, 2008.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Farmington and Avon Town Halls for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by October 30, 2008.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

Cellco Partnership d/b/a
Verizon Wireless

Its Representative

Sandy Carter, Regulatory Manager
Verizon Wireless
99 East River Drive
East Hartford, Connecticut 06108

Joey Lee Miranda, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP
280 Trumbull Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3597

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 356.

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Ruth Girolomo
Post Reporting Service, Inc.
2015 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

RE: **DOCKET NO. 356** - 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 at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Girolomo:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Thursday, November 6, 2008
3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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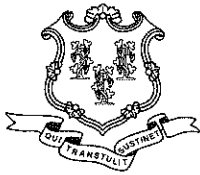
The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. A copy of the application filing has previously been provided to you. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary

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Joseph Reese
Tech Theatrical Services, LLC
98 Knight Street
Watertown, CT 06795

RE: **DOCKET NO. 356** - 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 at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reese:

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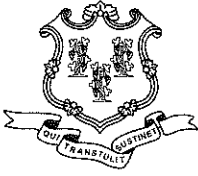
I am enclosing a copy of our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

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TO: Christopher B. Fisher, Esq.
Cuddy & Feder LP

Thomas J. Regan, Esq.
Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LP

Hans Fiedler
T-Mobile

Michele G. Briggs
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

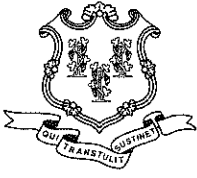
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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in Farmington. If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response by or before October 30, 2008, will be appreciated.

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Enclosure: Hearing Notice

c: Parties & Intervenors
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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
356080924
The Hartford Courant
285 Broad St.
Hartford, CT 06115

FROM: Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary 

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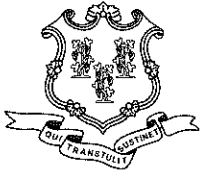
Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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TO: Commissioner Gina McCarthy
Department of Environmental Protection

Commissioner J. Robert Galvin
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman
Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Joan McDonald
Department of Economic and Community Development

Michael W. Lonergan, P.E.
Acting Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations
Department of Transportation

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before October 30, 2008, will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l.

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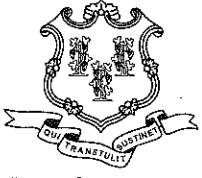
Connecticut Department of Transportation

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 356

Location: 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?
No
2. Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway
No
3. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.
No
4. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?
No



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Michael Clark, Chair
Town Council
Town of Farmington
1 Monteith Drive
Farmington, CT 06032

RE: Hearing Date - November 6, 2008, in connection with **DOCKET NO. 356** - 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 at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

Dear Chairman Clark:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing that is scheduled on November 6, 2008.


Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal right in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

Once an application is filed with the Council at least one public hearing is held in the affected community as well as a public inspection of the proposed site. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms; municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director S. Derek Phelps (860 827-2935). In the event you have legal questions, please contact our Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi (860 827-2682).

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Sincerely,

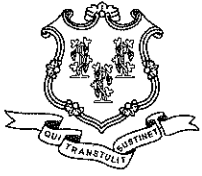

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John F. Carson
Chairman Town Council
Town of Avon
60 West Main Street
Avon, CT 06001

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Dear First Selectman Formica:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for the above referenced project that entails the construction of a 110-foot telecommunications tower in the Town of Farmington. Connecticut General Statute § 16-501(p) provides for municipalities within 2,500 feet of a proposed project to receive adequate notice of the project. The Town of Avon is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

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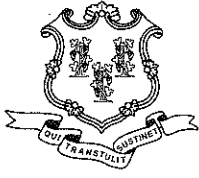
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Heather Roy
Irving A. Robbins Middle School
20 Wolf Pit Road
Farmington, CT 06032

RE: **DOCKET NO. 356** - 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 at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Roy:

Confirming our telephone conversation of September 23, 2008, I appreciate the reservation of the Auditorium at the Irving A. Robbins Middle School for a public hearing on November 6, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary I

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Enclosure (1)

Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

X
X
Table
for
Court
Reporter
& Audio
Tech
(x =
chairs)

Party Table
(seating for
four)
(x = chairs)
X
X
X
X

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)
X X X X X

Podium for
public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)