

April 18, 2008

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Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain CT 06051

Dear Mr. Baldwin and members of the Connecticut Siting Commission:

Thank you for providing our office with the relevant information regarding Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless' Application for Construction of a Telecommunications Tower and Related Facility in Falls Village, Connecticut.

It does not appear that the proposed tower would have an adverse visual impact on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, provided the following mitigating measures, which were recommended by representatives of the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and the National Park Service, are incorporated into the project:

- (1) the proponent agrees to purchase, deliver, and plant approximately 25 white pine trees, of a minimum five feet in height, at a location along the Appalachian Trail near the Warren Turnpike as directed by the National Park Service's designated representative, Adam Brown of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Mr. Brown can be reached at (413) 528-8002 or at [abrown@appalachiantrail.org](mailto:abrown@appalachiantrail.org).
- (2) the proponent agrees to construct a "monopine" as proposed in its application.

These measures will ensure that the proposed facility will not adversely affect views from the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, particularly close-up views from the Trail near the Warren Turnpike during leaf-off.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Don Owen of my staff at (304) 535-4003, [donald\\_owen@nps.gov](mailto:donald_owen@nps.gov), or the address above. We appreciate your interest in the proper stewardship and management of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Sincerely,

Pamela Underhill  
Park Manager

cc: David Reus (NPS), Adam Brown (ATC), Matt Robinson (ATC), Anne Sherwood/Elaine LaBella (AMC - Ct.) via email, Kevin Mendik (NPS)