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RE: **DOCKET NO. 361-** 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 off Norfolk Road (Route 44), Winchester, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than June 19, 2008. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office and a .pdf file on a compact disc. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting 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. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,

S. Derek Phelps Executive Director

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PRE-HEARING INTERROGATORIES DOCKET NO. 361 – WINCHESTER CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS JUNE 3, 2008

- 1. Did Cellco receive return receipts for all adjacent landowners listed in Application Attachment 5? If not, describe any additional effort to serve notice.
- 2. When did Cellco first establish a search area for the proposed site?
- 3. Depict the Knights of Columbus properties, listed in Application Exhibit 9, on a topographic map.
- 4. Would blasting be required for the construction of the proposed site? Provide estimates of cut and fill.
- 5. Page 2 of Application Exhibit 2 describes the site as maintaining a ground elevation between 1,050 and 1,150 feet AMSL. Does this information pertain to the compound area, compound and road, or the entire property?
- 6. Page 7 of Application Exhibit 1 states the access road would maintain a 50-foot setback radius from a nearby wetland. Is the portion of the proposed access road referred to in this statement of new construction or does it consist of an upgraded logging road?
- 7. What is the average slope of the access road? What are the maximum slopes of cut and fill along the access road?
- 8. Describe the type and quantity of drainage features to be installed to control run off from the access road.
- 9. Is the wetland northwest of the proposed compound upgradient or downgradient from the compound?
- 10. What is Cellco's minimum signal level threshold for in-building and in-vehicle use?
- 11. Did Cellco perform a site drive test or base line drive test for the area? If yes, please provide.
- 12. Does Cellco currently use fuel cells as back up generators at any of its Connecticut tower sites? If yes, identify such sites?
- 13. Does Cellco plan to use a fuel cell at the proposed site or have any plans to install a fuel cell at any existing or future sites in Connecticut?
- 14. Has the spring habitat survey related to the Roadside Skipper been conducted? If so, what are the results? Clarify the comments in the last paragraph of page 14.



- 15. Does the buffer area that encompasses the site on the NDDB map contained within Application Exhibit 1 relate to the Roadside Skipper or another species?
- 16. The environmental reports contained in Application Exhibit 11 states the site lacks soil conditions to support populations of the small whorled pogonia. Describe the field test(s) and frequency and location of such test(s) to make this determination.
- 17. Did the town comment on the proposal during the municipal consultation process? If so, please provide or summarize.
- 18. Provide the methodology and input parameters used to obtain the power density figure presented on page 8 of Application Exhibit 1.
- 19. How was the FAA Summary Report generated?
- 20. Provide a coverage plot, using the scale and thresholds in Application Attachment 7, that depicts coverage from existing/approved Cellco sites and the proposed site at a tower height of 130 feet.
- 21. Describe Cellco's future plans to provide wireless coverage within a six-mile radius of the proposed site. Identify Cellco's tentative schedule to site such facilities.