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February 11, 2009

S. Derek Phelps Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 372 – Application Of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless For A Certificate Of Environmental Compatibility And Public Need For The Construction, Maintenance And Operation Of A Wireless Telecommunications Facility At 631 Orange Avenue, Milford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Enclosed you will find twenty-one (21) copies of the following information related to the Docket No. 372 application. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") will seek to have these items admitted as full exhibits during the March 5, 2009 public hearing.

- 1. Memo dated February 11, 2009, from Dean Gustafson at VHB, Inc. to MaryRose Palumbo, Milford's Inland Wetlands Compliance Officer. As shown on the revised plan, the re-routing of the existing stormwater pipe will no longer involve work within the limits of existing wetlands.
- 2. Revised Site Plan (Plan Sheet C-1A) has been revised to address concerns raised by the City of Milford's Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer. These modifications relate specifically to Cellco's plans to relocate the existing reinforced concrete storm drain that currently runs from west to east through the proposed telecommunications facility compound, eventually discharging stormwater into the wetland area to the east.
- 3. Revised coverage plots showing Cellco's existing and proposed PCS and cellular coverage in Milford. These coverage maps include coverage from Cellco's recently activated Old Gate facility.



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If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Memorandum

To: Ms. MaryRose Palumbo
Inland Wetlands Compliance Officer
Milford Inland Wetlands Agency
70 West River Street
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Date: February 11, 2009

Project No.: 41240.78

From: Dean Gustafson

Senior Wetland Scientist

Re: Cellco Partnership D/B/A

Verizon Wireless Milford East Facility 631 Orange Avenue Milford, Connecticut

Provided below is a summary of our recent conversations on the proposed wireless telecommunications facility by Verizon Wireless at the YMCA property at 631 Orange Avenue. Based on our telephone conversation on January 22, 2009, I understand you had some questions/concerns regarding an existing 12-inch drainage pipe that was being relocated due to a conflict with the proposed Verizon Wireless facility. Your questions are summarized below.

- 1. What does the drainage pipe convey?
- 2. Is there an existing headwall for the current pipe or does the pipe just daylight?
- 3. How will the wetland be restored as a result of disturbance created by removal of the old pipe and installation of the new pipe?

As a result of your inquiry I contacted the project engineer, Natcomm, Inc., and performed a field inspection on January 27, 2009 to investigate the drainage pipe in question and potential options for wetland restoration. This investigation revealed the following information:

- Based on a review of a survey performed for the YMCA following the recent expansion of the building, the drainage pipe appears to convey stormwater from one catch basin located at the driveway entrance to the YMCA from Orange Avenue, some field drainage from the north soccer field and a yard drain located north of the building's main entrance. The pipe is actually a 15-inch reinforced concrete pipe; the plans provided as part of the Connecticut Siting Council application mislabel it as a 12-inch pipe.
- 2. No headwall exists for the outlet of this drainage pipe, which is located in wetlands between wetland flags WF #9 and WF #10. There is a flared end section of pipe discharging into the wetlands. Although snow and frozen ground conditions were experienced during the January 27th inspection, previous observations of this discharge area did not reveal excessive sediment deposition or erosion in the wetland.

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3. During a field review of wetland restoration options it was discovered that the proposed drainage pipe by-pass for the Verizon Wireless telecommunications facility could adversely impact the root zone of a large tuliptree (yellow poplar; *Liriodendron tulipifera*). This tree is identified on the plans as a 38 inch tree just south of the pipe by-pass near wetland flag WF #10. As a result of this concern, the pipe by-pass design was reevaluated to see if an alternative design could avoid potential impact to this tree as well as other mature trees that provide a buffer to the nearby wetlands. An alternative pipe by-pass design is now proposed that avoids temporary wetland impacts as well as any impact to the mature trees located just east of the proposed Verizon Wireless facility. A copy of the revised plan is enclosed for your review.

We hope these design changes adequately address your initial comments of the proposed Verizon Wireless project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments or if you require any additional information. We look forward to receiving your formal comments regarding this project.

Enclosure

cc: Sandy M. Carter, Verizon Wireless Kenneth C. Baldwin, Robinson & Cole LLP Michael Libertine, VHB











