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Re: **Docket No. 379 - SBA Towers II, LLC Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a Telecommunications Facility Located at 12 Burr Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut**

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Enclosed are an original and twenty (20) copies of the Post Hearing Brief of Intervenor Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless in the above-referenced docket.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joey Lee Miranda

Enclosures

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE: :  
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SBA TOWERS II, LLC APPLICATION : DOCKET NO. 379  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF :  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY :  
AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE :  
CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND :  
OPERATION OF A :  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY :  
LOCATED AT 12 BURR ROAD, :  
BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT : AUGUST 10, 2009

**POST HEARING BRIEF OF INTERVENOR**  
**CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS**

**I. BACKGROUND**

On March 16, 2009, SBA Towers II, LLC (“SBA”) submitted an application (“Application”) to the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need (“Certificate”) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 130-foot telecommunications facility at 12 Burr Road in Bloomfield, Connecticut (“Property”). (SBA Exhibit (“Exh.”) 1.)

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”) has identified a need for wireless service for its customers in the Bloomfield area and identified the proposed SBA facility as a structure that could help satisfy that need. Consequently, on March 23, 2009, Cellco filed a petition to intervene in the Application and hearing process (“Petition”). (Cellco Exh. 1.) On April 23, 2009, the Council granted Cellco intervenor status.

The Council conducted an evidentiary and public hearing on the Application on July 9,

2009. (July 9, 2009 Transcript (afternoon) (“TR1”) at 3; July 9, 2009 Transcript (evening) (“TR2”) at 3). This post-hearing brief is filed on behalf of Cellco pursuant to Section 16-50j-31 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (“R.C.S.A.”) and the Council’s directives. (TR2 at 53).

## **II. THE CELLCO INSTALLATION**

The Cellco installation would consist of fifteen (15) panel-type directional antennas at the 117-foot level on the proposed tower. (TR1 at 67, 70-71). To mitigate the visual impact of the proposed facility, Cellco is willing to install either T-arms or low-profile antennas. (TR1 at 67-69).

Cellco equipment would be installed in a 12’ x 30’ single-story equipment shelter near the base of the tower. (Cellco Exh. 2, Resp. 13). Cellco would also install a propane-fueled back-up generator inside its equipment shelter for use during power outages and periodically for maintenance purposes. (Cellco Exh. 2, Resp. 14; TR1 at 68-69). The propane fuel tank for the generator would be located within the fenced compound. (TR1 at 68-69).

## **III. CELLCO’S NEED**

The record contains ample written evidence and testimony that Cellco’s antennas at the 117-foot level on the 130-foot tower would provide quality wireless service and satisfy Cellco’s coverage needs in this area of Bloomfield. Cellco’s network in Bloomfield currently experiences significant gaps in coverage along the heavily traveled Route 185 and local roads in the area. (Cellco Exh. 2, Response (“Resp.”) 5, 7). Cellco currently experiences gaps in coverage at both cellular and PCS frequencies between its existing Bloomfield 3 cell site, University of Hartford cell site, West Hartford N cell site, Talcott Mountain cell site, Simsbury cell site and Tariffville cell site. (Cellco Exh. 2, Resp. 7, 8). At cellular frequencies, Cellco would provide coverage to

an approximately 3.7 mile portion of Route 185, and approximately 6.1 square miles overall from the proposed SBA facility. (Cellco Exh. 2, Resp. 4, 6). At PCS frequencies, Cellco would provide coverage to an approximately 3.4 mile portion of Route 185 and approximately 4.6 square miles overall from the proposed SBA facility. (Cellco Exh. 2, Resp. 4, 6). This evidence of Cellco's need for the SBA facility was unrefuted.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The evidence in the Docket No. 379 record supports Cellco's need for the installation of antennas on the proposed SBA facility. The installation of Cellco's antennas at the facility will fill significant coverage gaps in the Bloomfield area; in particular, along the heavily traveled Route 185. Cellco, therefore, respectfully requests that the Council approve SBA's Application and issue a Certificate for the Facility.

Respectfully submitted,  
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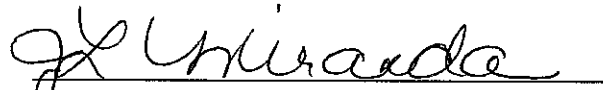
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009, a copy of the foregoing was sent via electronic mail and/or mailed, postage prepaid, to the following parties and intervenors:

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