## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP

DOCKET NO. 389

D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS AND MESSAGE

CENTER MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR A

CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL

COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR

THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE

AND OPERATION OF A WIRELESS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT

ONE OF TWO LOCATIONS OFF DAYTON

ROAD IN GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT : OCTOBER 14, 2009

#### NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 16-50l(e)

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50*l*(e), attached are materials which Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") and Message Center Management, Inc. ("MCM") (collectively, the "Applicant") are required to provide to the Siting Council ("Council") in connection with the development of a proposed wireless telecommunications facility on one of two properties off Dayton Road, in South Glastonbury, Connecticut (the "Glastonbury South 2 Facility"). These include:

- 1. All materials provided to the Town of Glastonbury;
- 2. A summary of the consultations with the Town of Glastonbury, including any recommendations on the proposed telecommunications facility; and
- Copies of any and all correspondence between the Applicant and the Town of Glastonbury.

#### A. <u>Materials Provided</u> to the Town of Glastonbury

- Technical Report dated June 17, 2009, prepared by Cellco. This Technical Report includes a description of the proposed wireless facility at 271 Dayton Road ("Site 1") and the need for such facility. Copies of the Cellco Technical Report for Site 1 were submitted to the Council as a Bulk File Exhibit on September 30, 2009.
- Technical Report dated July 16, 2009, prepared by MCM. This Technical Report includes a description of the proposed wireless facility off Dayton Road ("Site 2") and the need for such a facility. Copies of the MCM Technical Report for Site 2 were submitted to the Council as a Bulk File Exhibit on September 30, 2009.
- Amphibian (Vernal Pool) Study dated April 2, 2009 prepared by Soil Science and Environmental Services. This Study was prepared and filed with the Glastonbury Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency ("TWA") and was used by the IWA and MCM to establish the final driveway location to the Site 2 facility location. A copy of the Amphibian Study is included in the Docket No. 389 Application.

#### B. <u>Summary of Municipal Consultations</u>

- MCM representatives met with the IWA beginning in late 2008, and continued
  with discussions regarding on-site wetland conditions and potential impacts of the
  proposed Site 2 facility through February of 2009. The Amphibian Study
  referenced above was submitted to the IWA in April of 2009.
- On June 17, 2009, Cellco representatives met with Glastonbury's Town Manager
   Richard Johnson to discuss the proposed telecommunications facility described as
   Site 1 in the Docket No. 389 application and the Council's application procedures.

- On July 16, 2009, MCM representatives met with Glastonbury's Town Manager
   Richard Johnson to discuss the proposed telecommunications facility described as
   Site 2 in the Docket No. 389 application and the Council's application procedures.
- Cellco representatives appeared before the Glastonbury Town Council on July 20,
   2009 to discuss the proposed telecommunications facility at Site 1. Notice of the
   meeting was sent to all landowners within 500 feet of the Site 1 property.
- MCM representatives appeared before the Town Council on August 11, 2009, to
  discuss the proposal for a tower at Site 2. Notice of the meeting was sent to all
  landowners within 500 feet of the Site 2 property.
- On September 10, 2009 Cellco representatives appeared before the IWA to
   discuss the proposed Site 1 facility location and its potential wetland impacts.
- The IWA conducted a site walk of both the Site 1 and Site 2 facility locations on September 21, 2009.
- On September 24, 2009, the IWA issued final comments to the Town Council on the proposed Site 1 and Site 2 tower locations. The IWA's comments are summarized in a letter dated September 29, 2009 from John Rook, Planner to Susan Karp, Chairman of the Town Council.

# C. Copies of all correspondence between the Cellco and the Town of Glastonbury A copy of all the IWA's September 29, 2009 letter to the Town Council is attached to this filing. All other documents and reports, including the Cellco and MCM Technical

Reports were filed with the Council on September 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted, CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS AND MESSAGE CENTER MANAGEMENT, INC.

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### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

September 29, 2009

Susan Karp, Chairman Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

Re:

Potential Communications Towers

Dear Chairman Karp and Town Council Members:

As its meeting of September 24, 2009, the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency continued their review of the cell tower proposals for 1040 Main Street, 271 Dayton Road and Lot W-7 Dayton Road and unanimously approved the following motion:

MOVED, that the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency recommends to the Town Council that in the event that a cell tower is constructed on Dayton Road, construction is preferred on the 271 Dayton Road site, based upon the following findings:

- 1. It appears that there would be little or no activity or impact within the wetlands regulated area (including the uplands review area) and that drainage/runoff would not be directed to the nearest wetland area.
- 2. There would be no impact on a vernal pool in association with this site.
- 3. In comparison to the W-7 Dayton Road site, the vegetation that would be impacted is not as healthy due to poorer soils characteristics.
- 4. An existing gravel drive can be utilized for much of the access to the tower site, thus reducing overall disturbance.

Notwithstanding the above, it was indicated by the Conservation Commission that the choice of the artificial tree for the tower did not appear appropriate. Additionally, the Conservation Commission has a general concern relative to the potential issues associated with electromagnetic radiation emitted from cellular towers and indicated there is a need to evaluate potential impacts on wildlife migration and behavior.

Regarding the 1040 Main Street site, no recommendation was provided. An on-site meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2009 at 5 pm in order to further evaluate the site.

Sincerely,

Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency For the Secretary,

John Rook, AICP

Planner