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April 19, 2011

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "LR", is written over the printed name "Linda Roberts".

RE: **DOCKET NO. 414** - 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 at 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut.

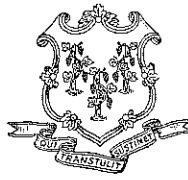
The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from State Representative Lile R. Gibbons, dated April 11, 2011 concerning the above-referenced application.

In the event that Representative Gibbons does not avail himself of the opportunity to attain party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

Therefore, a copy of this correspondence is being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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Enclosure



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April 11, 2011

Mr. Robert Stein
Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Dear Mr. Stein:

I am writing regarding Docket 414, the cell tower application filed by Cellico Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless with the Siting Council for a new tower at 36 Ritch Avenue West in Greenwich, CT.

I attended the site visit of the Siting Council on March 29th and spoke at the public hearing that evening. I would like to reiterate my comments that I respectfully urge the Siting Council to reject this application.

First is a question of whether this application is legally before you. In the 2002 decision between the Town of Greenwich and ATT—pre-Siting Council— it was stipulated that the tower approved at this site would be a single carrier flagpole with a height of 70 feet. The Verizon proposal is for a multiple carrier—tree ornament tower—on which ATT and T-Mobile will add their antennas and the Greenwich Police Department will place a dish receiver on top extending the tower's overall height to 84 feet. How is Verizon able to file for a new tower, a taller tower and a tree ornament tower—all of which defy the original agreement?

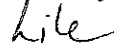
Secondly, this new tower will be 50 feet from the nearest house and in close proximity to three other residences. While there is no hard scientific evidence proving negative health effects from cell towers, it is problematic that anyone would deliberately live 50 feet

from a tower that emits electronic emissions 24/7. Construction of this new tower will certainly deflate the property values of the neighboring houses.

With communication systems changing as fast as they are, I urge you to use caution in approving any new tower sites, especially those in residential neighborhoods. What is required today will most likely be obsolete in five years. Technology exists today to construct smaller towers, to conceal them in existing structures such as church steeples or barns and to use distributive antennas to extend calling range. Tomorrow's technology could easily be a single cell receiver located in a tree or telephone pole, thus negating all the tower proposals that are both unsightly and possibly unhealthy.

Thank you for reading my testimony and that of the neighbors and other concerned legislators. I ask the Siting Council to reject this application from Cellico.

Thank you.


Lile Gibbons
Assistant House Republican Leader
150th District
LRG/djg

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