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March 18, 2011

Ms. Sandy Carter  
Regulatory Manager  
Verizon Wireless  
99 East River Drive  
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 416** - 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 of Day Hill Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Carter:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than April 13, 2011. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 20 copies to this office. 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,

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director

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c: Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq., Robinson & Cole  
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**Docket 416: Cellco  
Bloomfield, Connecticut  
Pre-Hearing Interrogatories, Set One**

1. Would Cellco's antennas comply with E911 requirements?
2. Are there any other existing towers within a four-mile radius of the proposed site in addition to the five towers identified in Attachment 8 of the application?
3. Are the sites identified as Cottage Grove and Bloomfield 3 on page 2 of Cellco's application the same site?
4. Identify distances and directions to the adjacent sites with which the proposed site would hand off signals? Include addresses of these sites.
5. What is the lowest height at which Cellco's antennas could achieve its coverage objectives from this site? Submit propagation maps showing the coverage at ten feet below this height.
6. Of the letters sent to abutting property owners, how many certified mail receipts did Cellco receive? If any receipts were not returned, which owners did not receive their notice? Did Cellco make additional attempts to contact those property owners?
7. What is the signal strength for which Cellco designs its system? For in-vehicle coverage? For in-building coverage?
8. What is the existing signal strength within the area Cellco is seeking to cover from this site?
9. Does Cellco have any statistics on dropped calls and/or ineffective attempts in the vicinity of the proposed facility? If so, what do they indicate? Does Cellco have any other indicators of substandard service in this area?
10. What are the lengths of the respective coverage gaps on Routes 189 and 187 that Cellco is seeking to cover from the proposed site at cellular frequencies? At PCS frequencies?
11. Quantify the amounts of cut and fill that would be required to develop the proposed facility.
12. What was the approximate radius of Cellco's search ring for this area?
13. Would any blasting be required to develop the site?
14. Did any of the boards or commissions of the Town of Bloomfield conduct any meetings or issue any statements or recommendations regarding the proposed project? If so, provide such documentation.
15. How would Cellco mount its antennas to the proposed tower?
16. Would the tower's setback radius encroach on any adjoining properties? If so, state the distance of the encroachment and who owns these properties?

17. Is the proposed site near an "Important Bird Area" as designated by the National Audubon Society?
18. Would Cellco's proposed facility comply with recommended guidelines of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for minimizing the potential for telecommunications towers to impact bird species?

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
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