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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 448** – 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 Orange Tax Assessor Map 77, Block 3, Lot 1, 831 Derby Milford Road, Orange, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions from Dr. Michael W. Klemens no later than August 5, 2014. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies 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.

Copies of your responses shall be provided to all parties and intervenors listed on the service list, which can be found on the Council's pending proceedings website.

Yours very truly,

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

MB/RDM/cm

c: Sandy Carter, Cellco Partnership
Parties and Intervenors

Docket No. 448
Pre-Hearing Questions to Cellco - Set 2
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1. Please map the vernal pool areas within Wetland 2 and illustrate the 100-foot vernal pool envelope boundary and 750-foot critical upland habitat boundary on that map. *(Note that wetland flags 2-13 through 2-17 were documented during the site visit and confirmed during the hearing as having vernal pool function by the presence of sub-adult wood frogs).*

2. Please analyze the feasibility of relocating the proposed tower site southward along the ridge to a location behind and north of the cluster of buildings at the southern end of the ridge. If a site is viable in this location, please address the following:
 - a) discuss the potential relocation in terms of vernal pool protection as it pertains to Wetland 2. Is more protection of the vernal pool upland habitat associated with Wetland 2 afforded by this potential relocation?

 - b) discuss the potential relocation in terms of protection of the wetland/ridge interface, which could be favored by box turtles. Are the potential areas of box turtle use, including hibernation areas, better protected by this proposed relocation?

 - c) compare the visibility of the proposed facility and this potential relocation from the residential lots on the south end of Rainbow Trail for leaf-on and leaf-off conditions.

 - d) address general visual impacts (other than those from Rainbow Trail) that would result from this potential tower relocation.