# STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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APPLICATION OF FLORIDA TOWER

DOCKET NO. 458

PARTNERS LLC D/B/A NORTH ATLANTIC

TOWERS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND

PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,

MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION, OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT

62-64 CODFISH HILL ROAD, BETHEL,

CONNECTICUT

JULY 7, 2015

# RESPONSES OF INTERVENOR, CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS TO CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL PRE-HEARING QUESTIONS – SET 2

On June 30, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") issued Pre-Hearing

Questions – Set 2 to the Docket No. 458 Intervenor, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

("Cellco"), relating to its proposed shared use of the Codfish Hill Road facility. As previously

mentioned, Celloc identifies this site as its "Bethel East" cell site. Below are Cellco's responses

to the Council's Set 3 questions.

#### Question No. 1

Please describe the adjacent Cellco facilities that would interact with the proposed site.

#### Response

Cellco's proposed Bethel East facility would interact with its existing Bethel cell site at 38 Spring Hill Road in Bethel; Newtown West cell site at 8 Ferris Road in Newtown; Bethel North cell site off Sky Edge Drive in Bethel; and Germantown cell site at 48 Newtown Road in

## Danbury.

# Question No. 2

Indicate the size of the wireless service gaps that are described in response 5 in Cellco's Responses to Council's Interrogatories – Set One, dated May 26, 2015.

#### Response

	Gaps In Service (Miles)			
	<u>700 MHz</u>	850 MHz	1900 MHz	2100 MHz
Dodgington Road (Route 302)	0.65	1.10	1.50	1.70
Putnam Park Road (Route 58)	0.10	0.30	0.55	0.65
Old Hawleyville Road	0.70	0.85	1.20	1.45
Plumtrees Lane	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60

The principle benefit of the Bethel East cell site is the service it will provide to the existing coverage gaps described above. The existing 700 MHz and 850 MHz coverage gaps would eliminated entirely by the proposed Bethel East facility. The existing 1900 MHz and 2100 MHz coverage gaps would be significantly reduced but not entirely eliminated by the Bethel East facility.

## Question No. 3

Please provide more information in regards to capacity relief to surrounding cell sites, as described in response 5 in Cellco's Responses to Council's Interrogatories – Set One, dated May 26, 2015.

#### Response

The proposed Bethel East facility will provide capacity relief to the Alpha sector of

Cellco's existing Bethel cell site located at 38 Spring Hill Road in Bethel, CT. The Bethel cell site Alpha sector (the antennas directed toward the northeast and the proposed Codfish Hill Road facility) has been operating beyond its existing capacity limits (a/k/a exhausting) for more than a year, resulting in a significant reduction in data speeds and an overall reduction in the reliability of Cellco's wireless network.

#### Question No. 4

Indicate the run time for the emergency generator assuming a full fuel tank and normal facility operation.

# Response

Cellco intends to install a 35 kW diesel-fueled back-up generator at the Bethel East cell site. The generator will include a 211 gallon fuel tank as a part of the unit. Under normal operating conditions, the generator could run for up to 68 hours before refueling would be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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