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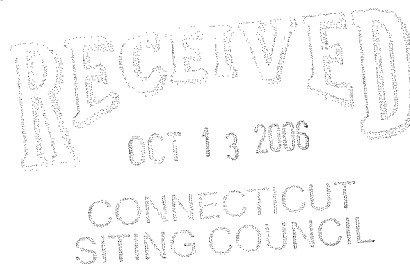
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October 9, 2006

Eleanor de Aguirre
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Dear Eleanor:

Thank you for your letter of October 5, 2006 regarding the proposed cellular telephone tower at Holmberg Orchards in Gales Ferry. I have been monitoring this issue as well.

Specifically, you wanted to ensure that the warning light placed at the top of the tower is red and not white, in order to limit the light pollution and the impact on the local area. You raise a very good issue and one that must be brought to the attention of the proper authorities. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Connecticut Siting Council, which is reviewing the application for this tower and site.

I am so glad you raised the question. Thanks again and keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Tom Reynolds
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 State Representative

*Thank,
 Eleanor!*

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October 2, 2006

Mayor Susan B. Mendenhall
Town of Ledyard
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Dear Mayor Mendenhall:

In connection with the cell phone tower proposed to be erected in the Holmberg orchards, I would like to suggest that the lights on the tower be red instead of white blinking strobe lights; the red lights are less obtrusive and red lights are permitted by the powers that be.

If you will recall a few years back a tower went up in Chesterfield(?), Oakdale(?) that had blinking strobe lights that aroused the ire of practically all of Southeastern Connecticut. The blinking white strobe lights could be seen right here in Gales Ferry and for miles in every direction. To make a long story short, the people rose up and protested and, I believe, even threatened a law suit. So instead of allowing the cell phone company to put up a tower illuminated with blinking white strobe lights, it would be prudent to be one step ahead of them and specify in the approval agreement that red lights be used.

If there are any questions, I suggest that someone look into the incident (brou ha ha) that took place on the other side of the river in Chesterfield(?), Oakdale(?), before Ledyard has its own brou ha ha. You know the old adage "an ounce of prevention."

Very truly yours,

Eleanor de Aguirre

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