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February 9, 2010

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
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New Britain, CT 06051

Re: **Docket No. 400 - 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 Wireless Telecommunications Facility At 343 Daleville Road, Willington, Connecticut**

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Attached are twenty-one (21) copies of a letter dated February 3, 2010, from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the above-referenced cell site proposal in Willington, Connecticut. This letter is intended to supplement the DEP findings made in March of 2008, and confirms that measures proposed to avoid impacts on a State Special Concern species (the wood turtle) at the project site are still appropriate. Detailed information regarding these proposed measures are discussed in information behind Tab 11 of the Docket No. 400 application.

The applicant will seek to have this DEP correspondence admitted as a full exhibit in the Docket No. 400 proceeding. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



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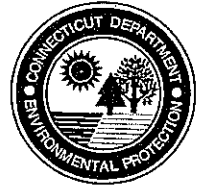
Sincerely,

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Kenneth C. Baldwin



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Natural Diversity Data Base

February 3, 2010

Mr. Dean Gustafson
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
54 Tuttle Place
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re: Verizon Wireless Facility at 343
Daleville Road in Willington, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

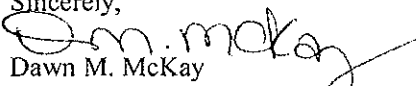
Thank you for your letter of January 21, 2010 requesting an update and concurrence with proposed precautions to avoid impacts to State Special Concern *Glyptemys insulpta* (wood turtle), a species that was identified in previous correspondence from our office regarding the proposed Verizon Wireless Facility at 343 Daleville Road in Willington, Connecticut.

According to our information, there are no additional known populations of federal or state-listed species in the vicinity of this project site. Ms. Julie Victoria (DEP-Wildlife; 860-642-7239, julie.victoria@ct.gov) concurs that the protective measure outlined in her August 29 letter to you will minimize impacts to the wood turtles.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Environmental Protection's Geological and Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at 860-424-3592. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Julie Victoria, NDDB # 15989

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