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RE: **EM-VER-003-050218** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 353 Pumpkin Hill Road, Ashford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

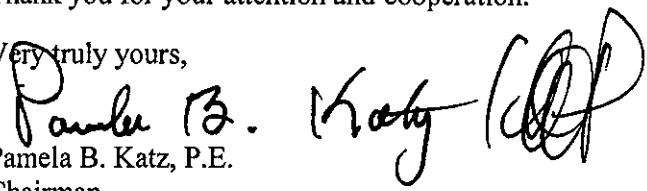
At a public meeting held on March 3, 2005, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) acknowledged your notice to modify this existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The proposed modifications are to be implemented as specified here and in your notice dated February 18, 2005 and additional information received on March 3, 2005, including the placement of all necessary equipment and shelters within the tower compound. The modifications are in compliance with the exception criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as changes to an existing facility site that would not increase tower height, extend the boundaries of the tower site, increase noise levels at the tower site boundary by six decibels, and increase the total radio frequencies electromagnetic radiation power density measured at the tower site boundary to or above the standard adopted by the State Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to General Statutes § 22a-162. This facility has also been carefully modeled to ensure that radio frequency emissions are conservatively below State and federal standards applicable to the frequencies now used on this tower.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council. Any additional change to this facility will require explicit notice to this agency pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-73. Such notice shall include all relevant information regarding the proposed change with cumulative worst-case modeling of radio frequency exposure at the closest point of uncontrolled access to the tower base, consistent with Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin 65. Any deviation from this format may result in the Council implementing enforcement proceedings pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50u including, without limitation, imposition of expenses resulting from such failure and of civil penalties in an amount not less than one thousand dollars per day for each day of construction or operation in material violation.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,


Pamela B. Katz, P.E.
Chairman

PBK/laf

c: The Honorable Ralph H. Fletcher, First Selectman, Town of Ashford
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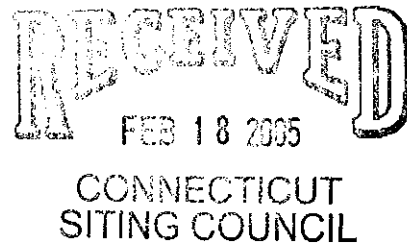
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February 18, 2005

Via Hand Delivery

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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**Re: Notice of Exempt Modification – Antenna Swap
353 Pumpkin Hill Road
Ashford, Connecticut**

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”) currently maintains a wireless telecommunications facility on an existing tower owned Charter Communications at 353 Pumpkin Hill Road in Ashford. This facility consists of twelve (12) panel-type cellular antennas at the 240-foot level of the 300-foot tower. Equipment associated with the antennas is located in a shelter near the base of the tower.

The Connecticut Siting Council (“the Council”) approved Cellco’s shared use of the Pumpkin Hill Road facility in EM-VER-003-000912. Cellco now intends to modify its facility by replacing six (6) cellular antennas with six (6) PCS antennas at the same 240-foot level on the tower. Attached behind Tab 1 are specifications for the existing cellular antennas and the proposed PCS antennas for the Pumpkin Hill Road facility.

Please accept this letter as notification pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-73, for construction that constitutes an exempt modification pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2). In accordance with R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-73, a copy of this letter is being sent to Ashford First Selectman, Ralph H. Fletcher.

The planned modifications to the Pumpkin Hill Road facility fall squarely within those activities explicitly provided for in R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2).



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1. The proposed modifications will not result in any increase in the overall height of the existing structure. Cellco's replacement antennas will be mounted at the same 240-foot level on the 300-foot tower.
2. The proposed modifications will not affect ground-mounted equipment and will not require the extension of the site boundaries.
3. The proposed modifications will not increase noise levels at the facility by six decibels or more.
4. The proposed modifications will not result in radio frequency (RF) power density levels at the facility that exceed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted safety standard. Attached behind Tab 2 is a new Power Density Calculation Table.

For the foregoing reasons, Cellco respectfully submits that the proposed modifications to the above-referenced telecommunications facility constitute an exempt modification under R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2).

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Baldwin

Enclosures

cc: Ralph H. Fletcher, First Selectman
Sandy M. Carter





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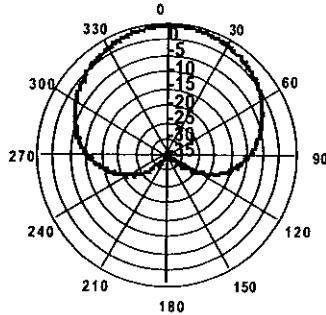
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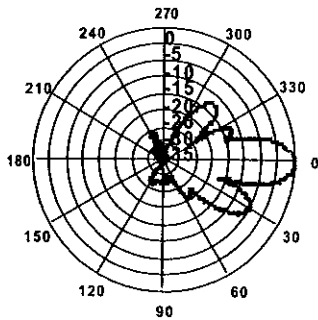
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Vertical 835 MHz (Tilt=0)



ELECTRICAL

MECHANICAL

Frequency (MHz):	806-896	870-960
Polarization:	Vertical	Vertical
Gain (dBd/dBi):	12.5/14.6	12.8/14.9
Azimuth BW:	80°	80°
Elevation BW:	15°	15°
Beam Tilt:	0°	0°
USLS* (dB):	>15	>15
Front-to-Back Ratio* (dB):	40	40
VSWR:	<1.5:1	<1.5:1
Impedance:	50 Ohms	50 Ohms
Max Input Power:	500 Watts	500 Watts
Lightning Protection:	DC Ground	DC Ground
Opt Electrical Tilt:	6°	6°

Weight:	14 lbs (6.4 kg)
Dimensions (LxWxD):	48 X 6.5 X 8 in (1219 X 165 X 203 mm)
Max. Wind Area:	1.08 ft ² (0.10 m ²)
Max. Wind Load (@ 100mph):	59 lbf (262 N)
Max. Wind Speed:	125 mph (201 km/h)
Radiator Material:	Brass
Reflector Material:	Aluminum
Radome Material:	ABS, UV Resistant
Mounting Hardware Material:	Galvanized Steel
Connector Type:	7-16 DIN - Female (Back)
Alt. Connectors:	N Type - Female
Color:	Light Gray
Standard Mounting Hardware:	DB380 Pipe Mount Kit, included
Downtilt Mounting Hardware:	DB5083, optional
Opt. Mounting Hardware:	DB5084-AZ Azimuth Wall Mount



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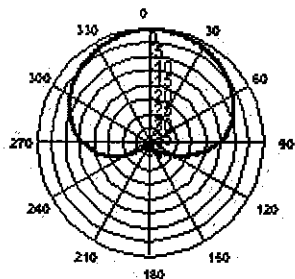
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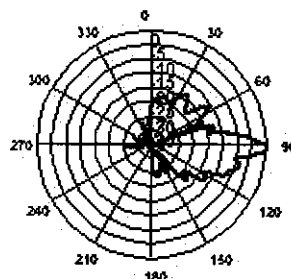
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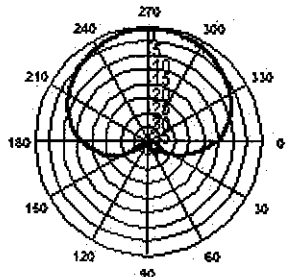
85°



Azimuth 1850 MHz (Tilt=2)



Vertical 1850 MHz (Tilt=2)



Horizontal 1850 MHz (Tilt=2)



ELECTRICAL

Frequency (MHz):	1850-1990
Polarization:	Vertical
Gain (dBd/dBi):	14/16.1
Azimuth BW:	85°
Elevation BW:	8°
Beam Tilt:	2°
USLS* (dB):	>18
Null Fill* (dB):	15
Front-to-Back Ratio* (dB):	40
VSWR:	<1.33:1
IM Suppression - Two 20 Watt Carriers:	-150 dBc
Impedance:	50 Ohms
Max Input Power:	250 Watts
Lightning Protection:	DC Ground
Opt Electrical Tilt:	0°, 4°, 6°

MECHANICAL

Weight:	8.5 lbs (3.9 kg)
Dimensions (LxWxD):	48 X 3.5 X 7 in (1219 X 89 X 178 mm)
Max. Wind Area:	1.18 ft² (0.11 m²)
Max. Wind Load (@ 100mph):	65 lbf (289 N)
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Radiator Material:	Low Loss Circuit Board
Reflector Material:	Aluminum
Radome Material:	ABS, UV Resistant
Mounting Hardware Material:	Galvanized Steel
Connector Type:	7-16 DIN - Female (Bottom)
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General Power Density

Site Name: Ashford , CT
 Tower Height: 240 ft rad center

Operator	Operating Frequency (MHz)	Number of Trans	ERP Per Trans (watts)	Total ERP (watts)	Distance to Target (feet)	Calculated Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Maximum Permissible Exposure (mW/cm ²)	Fraction of MPE (%)
Verizon	869	9	200	1800	240	0.0112	0.5793	1.94%
Verizon	1900	3	200	600	240	0.0037	1	0.37%
Total Percentage of Maximum Permissible Exposure								2.31%

*Guidelines adopted by the FCC on August 1, 1996, 47 CFR Part 1 based on NCRP Report 86, 1986 and generally on ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992

MHz = Megahertz
 mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter
 ERP = Effective Radiated Power

Absolute worst case scenario, maximum values used.





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February 22, 2005

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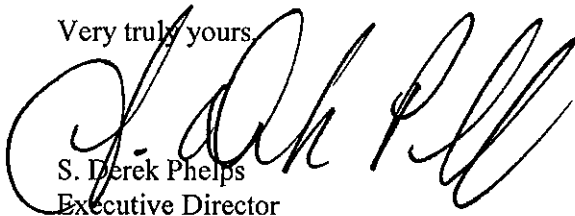
The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received this request to modify an existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-72.

The Council will consider this item at the next meeting scheduled for March 3, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this proposal, please call me or inform the council by March 2, 2005.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours,



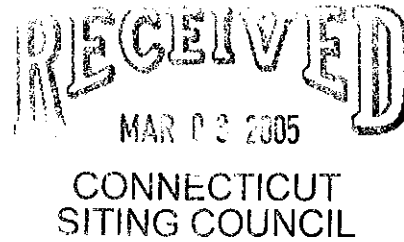
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Executive Director

SDP/cm

Enclosure: Notice of Intent

c: Richard Dziadus, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Ashford

Date: March 3, 2005
To: Rachel Mayo - Robinson and Cole
From: Douglas J. Roberts, AIA
Subject: Verizon Wireless
353 Pumpkin Hill Road
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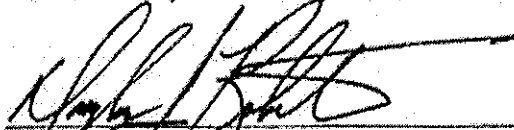
Per your request URS performed a structural evaluation for the 300' Guyed Tower located at 353 Pumpkin Hill Road in Ashford, Connecticut.

This task was to remove the 2 of the existing DB844H80 – XY antennas per sector, which have a 1.08 sq. ft wind area and a weight of 14 lbs. and replace them with 2 DB948F85T2 E-M antennas, which have a 1.18 sq. ft wind area and a weight of 8.5 lbs.

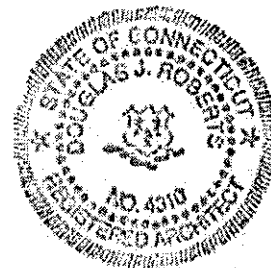
The antennas have approximately the same square feet of surface area and the minor additional surface area of the new proposed antennas are less than 0.0001% of additional loading on the existing tower.

The existing 300' guyed tower is capable of handling the additional loading of the new antennas

Please call if you have any additional Questions



Douglas J. Roberts, AIA
Sr. Project Manager Telecommunications



cc: Sandy Cater – Verizon Wireless