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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 15, 2024

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RE: **EM-VER-045-240209** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 49 Brainerd Road, East Lyme, Connecticut.
Request for Continued Use of Low-Profile Antenna Platform.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the correspondence dated April 11, 2024 regarding a request to allow Cellco's continued use of its low-profile antenna platform for the above-referenced exempt modification that was acknowledged by the Council on March 11, 2024.

It is the Council's understanding that, following the Docket No. 396 Development and Management Plan approval on April 29, 2011, while AT&T installed its antennas via T-arms, Cellco installed its antennas on a low-profile antenna platform. Condition No. 1 of the Council's March 3, 2011 Decision and Order that was issued to SBA Towers II, LLC in Docket No. 396 requires all commercial wireless telecommunications antennas to be attached to the tower via T-arms.

Installation of Cellco's antennas associated with the above-referenced exempt modification request on the existing low-profile antenna platform is hereby approved. Therefore, Condition Nos. 2 and 3 of the Council's March 11, 2024 exempt modification approval are no longer valid.

This approval applies only to the request for continued use of the existing low-profile antenna platform in the correspondence dated April 11, 2024.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Daniel Cunningham, First Selectperson, Town of East Lyme
(dcunningham@eltownhall.com)

April 11, 2024

Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.
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Re: **EM-VER-045-240209 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”) notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility locates at 49 Brainerd Road, East Lyme, Connecticut**

Request for Continued Use of Low-Profile Antenna Platform

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The telecommunications facility at 49 Brainerd Road in East Lyme was approved by the Siting Council (“Council”) in Docket No 396. Cellco intervened and participated in that proceeding and received Council approval to share the proposed tower. Throughout the Docket No. 396 proceeding, Cellco advocated for the use of a low-profile antenna platform for its antennas rather than the T-arms proposed by other carriers. The requirement to install antennas on T-arms, however, was included as a condition in the Docket No. 396 Decision and Order. Interestingly, the Docket No. 396 Development and Management (“D&M”) plan showed T-arms on the tower profile drawing but references the installation of antenna platforms in the tower design documents. Based on information we just received from our client, it appears as though Cellco installed its antennas on the Brainerd Road tower on a low-profile antenna platform.

In 2017 and 2024, the Council also approved two separate exempt modification filings (EM-VER-045-170531 and EM-VER-045-240209) for Cellco’s existing Brainerd Road wireless facility, each calling for modifications to antennas and related equipment and involving the continued use of its low-profile antenna platform. In each of those filings, Cellco submitted a structural analyses and antenna mount analyses confirming that the tower, the tower foundation and the existing low profile antenna platform could support the proposed modifications.

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Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.

April 11, 2024

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The Council's March 11, 2024, decision letter in EM-VER-045-240209 included conditions which assume that Cellco was using T-arms. Given the history of its shared use of this tower site, Cellco respectfully requests that it be permitted to continue to utilize its existing low-profile platform in lieu T-arms.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth C. Baldwin

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