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Re: **EM-VER-062-000922** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications tower located at 265 Benham Street, Hamden, Connecticut.

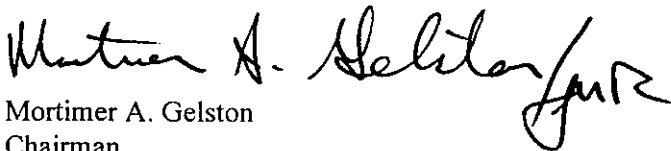
Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on October 2, 2000, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) ruled that the proposed use of this tower would not cause a significant change or alteration in the physical and environmental characteristics of the site, and pursuant to Section 16-50j-72 (c) would constitute a regulatory exemption

The proposed antenna modifications are to be implemented as specified in your notice dated September 21, 2000 and errata dated September 28 and September 29, 2000. The modifications are in compliance with the exception criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as changes to an existing non-facility site that have received all municipal zoning approvals and building permits 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 frequency 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 been carefully modeled to ensure that radio frequency emissions are conservatively below State and federal standards applicable to the frequency now used on this tower. 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 No. 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,



Mortimer A. Gelston
Chairman

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c: Honorable Carl J. Amento, Mayor, Town of Hamden
Robert Nolan, Chief of Police, Hamden Police Department
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Sandy M. Carter, Verizon Wireless