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January 2, 2018

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RE: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) notice to install temporary telecommunications facility at Tiffany Farm, 156 Sterling City Road, Lyme, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Fisher:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received your November 10, 2017 correspondence, submitted on behalf of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T), stating that the silo structure supporting AT&T and Verizon telecommunications equipment at the Tiffany Farm property at 156 Sterling City Road in the Town of Lyme had collapsed. The correspondence states that AT&T would install a temporary facility at the property within 48 hours of the date of the letter and that the temporary facility would be capable of supporting equipment for AT&T and Verizon. The correspondence further states that there would be "follow up" with the Council as plans for the replacement facility are identified or should the need for the temporary tower extend beyond the timeframe permitted by the Council's regulations.

On November 7, 2017, Verizon submitted notification to the Council of its plans to install a truck-mounted temporary telecommunications facility at the site, which was approved by the Council on November 9, 2017. On December 20, 2017, Verizon submitted notification to the Council of its plans to relocate its telecommunications equipment from the approved truck-mounted temporary telecommunications facility to the 74-foot level of an 88-foot tall temporary ballast tower installed by AT&T (AT&T Tower) at the site. A copy of Verizon's November 7, 2017 and December 20, 2017 written notifications to the Council pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-72(2) are attached for your convenience.

In its November 7, 2017 notification, Verizon properly requested authorization to install a truck-mounted temporary telecommunications facility adjacent to the electric service/utility backboard in the northeast corner of the property, identifies the location and mounting specifications for Verizon's equipment on the truck-mounted temporary telecommunications facility, and provides proof of notice to the property owner and chief elected official of the Town of Lyme.

In its December 20, 2017 notification, Verizon refers to AT&T's November 10, 2017 notification, identifies the location of the AT&T Tower, location and mounting specifications for Verizon's equipment installed on the AT&T Tower, the radio frequency emissions of Verizon's equipment installed on the AT&T Tower, a structural analysis confirming the AT&T Tower can support both AT&T's and Verizon's antennas and related equipment, and proof of notice to the property owner and chief elected official of the Town of Lyme.

To date, the Council has not received any further notification from AT&T relative to the AT&T Tower. Certainly, Verizon is not responsible for notifying the Council of the installation and specifications of the



AT&T Tower and associated AT&T equipment. Therefore, the AT&T Tower is unauthorized. Until the Council is in receipt of an AT&T notification for the temporary facility including, but not limited to, a narrative description of the temporary tower, location and mounting specifications for AT&T's equipment installed on the AT&T Tower, the cumulative radio frequency emissions of AT&T and Verizon's equipment installed on the tower, a structural analysis confirming the AT&T Tower can support both AT&T's and Verizon's antennas and related equipment if the structural analysis submitted by Verizon on December 20, 2017 is no longer valid, and proof of notice to the property owner and chief elected official, the Council will refrain from considering any and all currently pending and future matters brought before it by AT&T.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.
Executive Director

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c: Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq., Robinson + Cole
Anthony Befera, Verizon
Jessica Rincon, AT&T
Hon. Steven Mattson, First Selectman, Town of Lyme

November 7, 2017

Via Electronic Mail and Federal Express

Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

**Re: Installation of a Temporary Telecommunications Tower and Related Facility at
Tiffany Farm, 156 Sterling City Road, Lyme, Connecticut**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (“R.C.S.A.”) § 16-50j-72(2), Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”) seeks Siting Council authorization to install a truck-mounted telecommunications tower and associated radio equipment adjacent to an existing damaged telecommunications structure (silo) at Tiffany Farm, 156 Sterling City Road, Lyme, Connecticut (the “Property”).

As background, Cellco installed a wireless telecommunications facility at Tiffany Farm in 2013. The telecommunications facility consists of antennas attached to an existing farm silo at the Property. Equipment associated with the antennas is located inside a barn to the east of the silo. The silo also supports antennas owned and operated by AT&T Wireless and local emergency service providers.

Cellco has been working with the Town’s Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director to address concerns associated with the damaged silo structure. In the interest of safety, Cellco has removed all commercial and back-up generator power service at the facility and has taken its cell site off-line.

In order to maintain the continuity of Cellco’s wireless telecommunications service, Cellco intends to deploy a temporary telecommunications facility at the Property today. The

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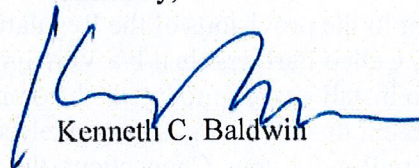
temporary facility will consist of a truck-mounted Cell On Wheels ("COW"). The COW will be located adjacent to the existing electric service/utility backboard in the northeast corner of the Property. (See Attachment 1).

The COW maintains two (2) antenna masts and an equipment shelter. Photographs of the COW that Cellco has deployed are included in Attachment 2. Cellco will recommence cell site operations as soon as possible utilizing the COW. Cellco understands that pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(2)(A), the COW may remain at the Property for up to one year following the date of installation.

Pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(2)(B), notice of this filing has been sent to John J. Tiffany II, the owner of the Property, Town of Lyme First Selectman Steven Mattson and the Town's Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, John C. L. Evans, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. Copies of the Certified Mail Receipts are included in Attachment 3. Stamped copies of the certified mail receipts will be provided to the Council tomorrow.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Baldwin

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Attachments
Copy to:

John J. Tiffany II
Steven Mattson, First Selectman
John C. L. Evans, Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director
Anthony Befera, Verizon Wireless

December 20, 2017

Via Electronic Mail and Federal Express

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New Britain, CT 06051

**Re: EM-VER-075-171108 T- Relocation of Temporary Telecommunications Facility at
Tiffany Farm, 156 Sterling City Road, Lyme, Connecticut**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On November 7, 2017, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") notified the Council of its need to establish a truck-mounted telecommunication facility at 156 Sterling City Road in Lyme, Connecticut ("Property"). This temporary facility would restore telecommunication service lost due to the collapse of an existing agricultural silo at the Property. Cellco's truck-mounted facility was installed and activated on November 8, 2017. On November 10, 2017, AT&T Wireless ("AT&T") also notified the Council of its intent to install and use an 88-foot tall temporary ballast tower at the Property. Cellco now intends to relocate its antennas onto the AT&T tower. Once the Cellco antennas are activated, Cellco will remove its truck-mounted facility from the Property.

More specifically, Cellco will install two (2) Commscope SBNH-1D6565B panel antennas, at the 74-foot level on the AT&T tower. Cellco's antennas will be connected to its existing radio equipment located inside an adjacent barn structure. Two (2) remote radio heads ("RRHs") will be mounted to a temporary ballast frame structure, on the ground, near the base of the temporary tower. Included in Attachment 1 are specifications for Cellco's antennas and RRH and a set of Project Plans showing Cellco's proposed facility improvements.

The operation of Cellco's temporary telecommunications facility on the AT&T tower will comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) safety standard for radio

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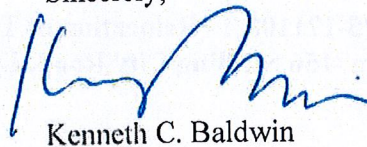
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frequency emissions. A General Power Density table for Cellco's antennas is included in Attachment 2. Also, a Structural Analysis confirming that the ballast tower can support both AT&T's and Cellco's antennas and related equipment is included in Attachment 3.

A copy of this notice letter has been sent to John J. Tiffany II, the owner of the Property, Lyme's First Selectman Steven Mattson and the Town's Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, John C. L. Evans, by certified mail. Copies of the certified mail receipt are included in Attachment 4.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Baldwin

Attachments

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