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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **EM-VER-110-250609(temp)** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to install a temporary telecommunications facility located at 197 South Washington Street, Plainville, Connecticut. **2025 Hot Air Balloon Festival.**

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby acknowledges your notice to install a temporary telecommunications facility at 197 South Washington Street in Plainville, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to provide wireless services during the 2025 Hot Air Balloon Festival, an event of statewide significance.

Staff recommends acknowledgement of this regulatory exemption with the following conditions:

- 1. Approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff;
- 2. RF access restriction and caution signage shall be installed at the site in compliance with FCC guidance; and
- 3. Deployment of any 5G services must comply with FCC and FAA guidance relative to air navigation, as applicable.

The proposed facility is to be developed as specified here and in your notice dated June 5, 2025. The facility is in compliance with the exception criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (d) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for temporary cellular service for events of statewide significance. This temporary facility has also been carefully modeled to ensure that radio frequency emissions are conservatively below State and federal standards applicable to the frequencies to be used on this tower.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council. Any additional change to this temporary 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.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Christopher Wazorko, Chairperson, Town of Plainville (towncouncil@plainville-ct.gov)