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December 12, 2014

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: **Notice of Exempt Modification – Facility Modification
7 Broadway Avenue Extension, Stonington, Connecticut**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”) currently maintains twelve (12) antennas at the 93-foot level of the existing 155-foot water tank at 7 Broadway Avenue Extension in Stonington (the “Property”). The water tank is owned by Planeta Properties and is managed by Message Center Management. The Council approved Cellco’s shared use of this water tank in 2005. Cellco now intends to modify its facility by replacing three (3) of its existing antennas with three (3) model LNX-6514DS-VTM, 700 MHZ antennas, at the same 93-foot level on the tank. Cellco also intends to install three (3) remote radio heads (“RRHs”), behind its new 700 MHz antennas. Included in Attachment 1 are specifications for Cellco’s new antennas and RRHs.

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 George Crouse, First Selectman for the Town of Stonington. A copy of this letter is also being sent to Planeta Properties, the owner of the Property.

The planned modifications to the 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 an increase in the height of the existing water tower. Cellco's replacement antennas and RRHs will be located at the 93-foot level of the 155-foot water tank.

2. The proposed modifications will not involve any change to ground-mounted equipment and, therefore, will not require the extension of the site boundary.

3. The proposed modifications will not increase noise levels at the facility by six decibels or more, or to levels that exceed state and local criteria.

4. The operation of the replacement antennas will not increase radio frequency (RF) emissions at the facility to a level at or above the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) safety standard. A cumulative General Power Density table for Cellco's modified facility is included in Attachment 2.

5. The proposed modifications will not cause a change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the site.

6. The water tank and its foundation, with certain modifications, can support Cellco's proposed modifications. (See Structural Analysis Report and Reinforcement Design included in Attachment 3).

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

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Baldwin

Enclosures

Copy to:

George Crouse, First Selectman

Planeta Properties

Sandy M. Carter

ATTACHMENT 1

Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U

REMOTE RADIO HEAD

The Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U is a high-power, small form-factor Remote Radio Head (RRH) operating in the North American Digital Dividend / 700MHz frequency band (3GPP Band 13). The Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U is designed with an eco-efficient approach, providing operators with the means to achieve high quality and capacity coverage with minimum site requirements.



A distributed eNodeB expands deployment options by using two components, a Base Band Unit (BBU) containing the digital assets and a separate RRH containing the radio-frequency (RF) elements. This modular design optimizes available space and allows the main components of an eNodeB to be installed separately, within the same site or several kilometres apart.

The Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U is linked to the BBU by an optical-fiber connection carrying downlink and uplink digital radio signals along with operations, administration and maintenance (OA&M) information. The Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U has two transmit RF paths, 40 W RF output power per transmit path, and is designed to manage up to two-way receive diversity. The device is ideally suited to support macro coverage, with multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) 2x2 operation in up to 10 MHz of bandwidth.

The Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U is designed to make available all the benefits of a distributed eNodeB, with excellent RF characteristics, with low

capital expenditures (CAPEX) and low operating expenditures (OPEX). The limited space available in some sites may prevent the installation of traditional single-cabinet BTS equipment or require costly cranes to be employed, leaving coverage holes. However, many of these sites can host an Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U installation, providing more flexible site selection and improved network quality along with greatly reduced installation time and costs.

Fast, low-cost installation and deployment

The Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U is a zero-footprint solution and operates noise-free, simplifying negotiations with site property owners and minimizing environmental impacts. Installation can easily be done by a single person because the Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40-07-U is compact and weights less than 23 kg (50 lb), eliminating the need for a crane to hoist the BTS cabinet to the rooftop. A site can be in operation in less than one day — a fraction of the time required for a traditional BTS.

ATTACHMENT 2

Site Name: Mystic S (Stonington)			
Tower Height: 155ft			
	General Power	Density	
CARRIER	# OF CHAN.	WATTS ERP	
*American Messaging	1	100	HEIGHT
*Town of Stonington	receive only		
Sprint	12	250	143
*AT&T microwave	1	1216	140
*T-Mobile GSM/UMTS	2	12.0815	116.5
*T-Mobile UMTS	2	16.10868	116.5
*T-Mobile LTE	2	24.16301	116.5
*AT&T GSM	2	427	143
*AT&T GSM	4	296	143
*AT&T UMTS	1	500	143
*AT&T LTE	1	500	143
Verizon PCS	15	309	93
Verizon Cellular	9	239	93
Verizon AWS	1	1746	93
Verizon 700	1	725	93

* Source: Siting Council

ATTACHMENT 3



**STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS REPORT
155'± WATER TOWER
MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT**

Prepared for
Verizon Wireless

Verizon Site: Mystic

October 10, 2014



APT Project #CT141153

**STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS REPORT
of
155'± WATER TOWER
MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT
prepared for
Verizon Wireless**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. (APT) performed a structural analysis of this 155'± water tower. The analysis was performed for Verizon Wireless's proposed replacement of three of their existing twelve panel antennas, removal of six existing diplexers and installation of three Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40 remote radio heads (RRHs). The equipment will be fed by the existing hybrid power/fiber line and twelve 1-5/8" waveguide cables.

Our analysis indicates the water tower does **not** meet the requirements of the Connecticut State Building Code with the proposed equipment changes. Our analysis indicates bracing upgrades will be required to support the proposed changes.

INTRODUCTION:

A structural analysis was performed on the above-mentioned water tower by APT for Verizon Wireless. The tower is located at 7 Broadway Avenue Extension in Mystic, Connecticut.

APT previously climbed the structure on July 9, 2002 to record information regarding physical and dimensional properties of the structure and its appurtenances. This analysis also relied on a structural analysis by Infiniti Engineering for AT&T Mobility dated July 15, 2014 and an equipment inventory dated September 2014 provided by Message Center Management.

The structure is a 155'± painted steel, four-legged water tower. A schematic drawing with a listing of existing, reserved and proposed equipment is provided in Appendix A.

STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS:

Methodology:

The structural analysis was done in accordance with Connecticut State Building Code, EIA/TIA-222-F, Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures and the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), Manual of Steel

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Construction, Allowable Stress Design, Ninth Edition. The analysis was conducted using a wind speed of 85 miles per hour in accordance with the and EIA/TIA Standard for this area of Connecticut.

The following table summarizes the results of the analysis based on stresses of individual leg and bracing members:

Elevation	Legs	Bracing
117'-138'	6%	56%
92'-117'	13%	84%
65'-92'	21%	109%
35'-65'	33%	85%
0'-35'	48%	99%

Evaluation of the existing base foundations could not be performed, as information on their design or construction was not available to APT. Base reactions with the proposed equipment changes are as follows:

Compression:	148.1 kips
Uplift:	98.1 kips
Shear:	32.8 kips
Overspinning Moment:	6266 ft-kips

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Our structural analysis indicates the 155-foot self-supporting water tank located at 7 Broadway Avenue Extension in Mystic, Connecticut does **not** meet requirements of the Connecticut State Building Code with the equipment changes proposed by Verizon Wireless. One section of X-bracing requires upgrade.

LIMITATIONS:

All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. (APT) is not responsible for any modifications completed hereafter which APT is not directly involved. Modifications include but are not limited to:

1. Replacing or strengthening bracing members.
2. Reinforcing leg members in any manner.
3. Installing antennas and/or mounting brackets or side arms.

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Appendix A

Tower Schematic

Appendix B

Calculations

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	Client Verizon Wireless	Designed by Rob Adair

Section Capacity Table

Section No.	Elevation ft	Component Type	Size	Critical Element	P lb	SF*P _{allow} lb	% Capacity	Pass Fail	
T1	138 - 117	Leg	P18x.25	3	-21478.90	356177.59	6.0	Pass	
		Diagonal	1	14	12679.50	22613.81	56.1	Pass	
		Top Girt	W8x35	7	-5211.81	216033.97	2.4	Pass	
T2	117 - 92	Leg	P18x.25	19	-44441.10	344319.22	12.9	Pass	
		Diagonal	1	30	19033.50	22613.81	84.2	Pass	
		Top Girt	W8x35	23	-11354.60	200473.86	5.7	Pass	
T3	92 - 65	Leg	P18x.25	35	-72173.00	338046.12	21.4	Pass	
		Diagonal	1	46	24709.90	22613.81	109.3	Fail ✗	
		Top Girt	W8x35	39	-15530.30	180570.84	8.6	Pass	
T4	65 - 35	Leg	P18x.25	51	-106971.00	328224.58	32.6	Pass	
		Diagonal	1 1/4	62	30163.20	35334.10	85.4	Pass	
		Top Girt	W10x68	55	-19752.60	386711.28	5.1	Pass	
T5	35 - 0	Leg	P18x.25	67	-147948.00	310778.27	47.6	Pass	
		Diagonal	1 1/4	78	34798.30	35334.10	98.5	Pass	
		Top Girt	W10x68	71	-23133.90	350253.73	6.6	Pass	
						Summary			
						Leg (T5)	49.5	Pass	
						Diagonal (T3)	109.3	Fail ✗	
						Top Girt (T3)	8.6	Pass	
						Bolt Checks	66.0	Pass	
						RATING =	109.3	Fail ✗	



November 14, 2014

Verizon Wireless
99 East River Drive, 9th Floor
East Hartford, CT 06108

Attn: Jim Smith
Re: Water Tank Equipment Changes, Mystic, CT
Verizon Site: Mystic South

Dear Jim,

All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. (APT) evaluated the 155' water tower located at 7 Broadway Avenue Extension in Mystic, Connecticut for equipment changes proposed by Verizon Wireless. Our analysis indicated reinforcement was required for the tower to meet the current structural code. Results were provided in a report dated October 10, 2014.

Reinforcement design was conducted in accordance with the Connecticut State Building Code and TIA-222-F, *Structural Standard for Antenna Supporting Structures and Antennas* using a wind speed of 85-mph and ¾" radial ice for Verizon Wireless's proposed replacement of three of their existing twelve panel antennas, removal of six existing dplexers and installation of three Alcatel-Lucent RRH2x40 remote radio heads. The equipment will be fed by the existing hybrid power/fiber line and twelve 1-5/8" waveguide cables.

The attached reinforcement drawing depicts required replacement of bracing members to support the proposed equipment changes. Completion of the attached modifications will result in a tower structure suitable for installation of Verizon Wireless's proposed changes.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Adair".

Robert E. Adair, P.E.
Principal

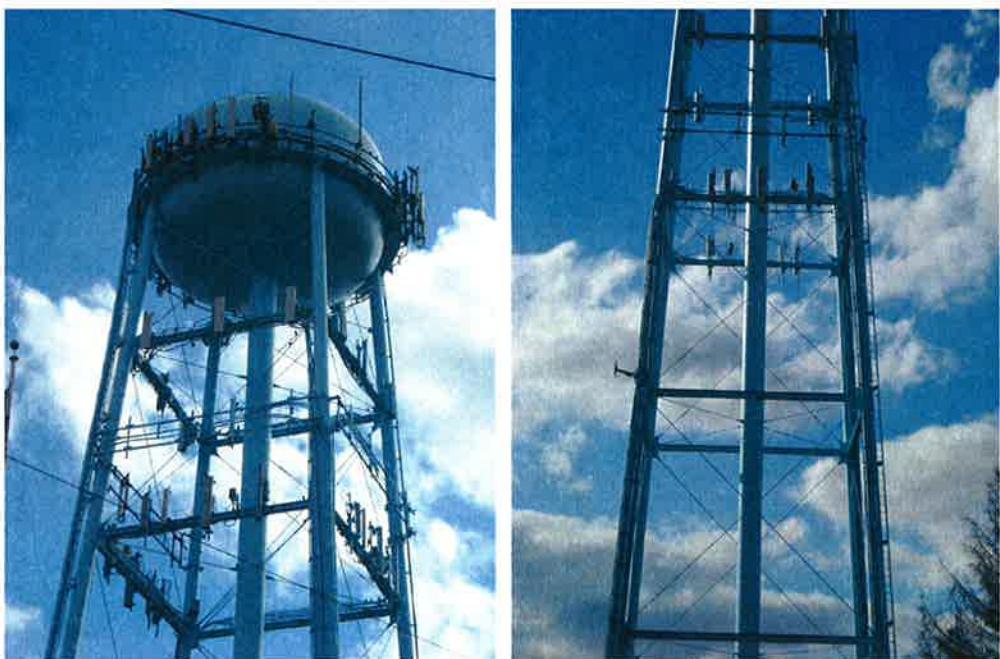


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VERIZON WIRELESS
155' WATER TANK
MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT
VERIZON SITE: MYSTIC SOUTH



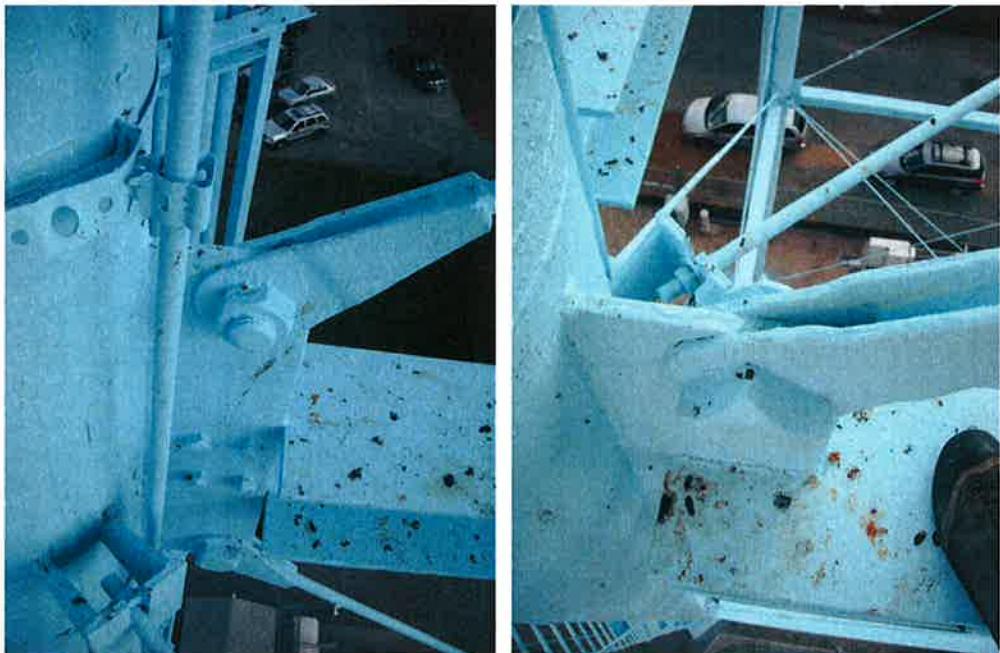
Overview photos of 155' water tank.



Photos of existing antennas.

Photos taken by All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. on October 30, 2014.

VERIZON WIRELESS
155' WATER TANK
MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT
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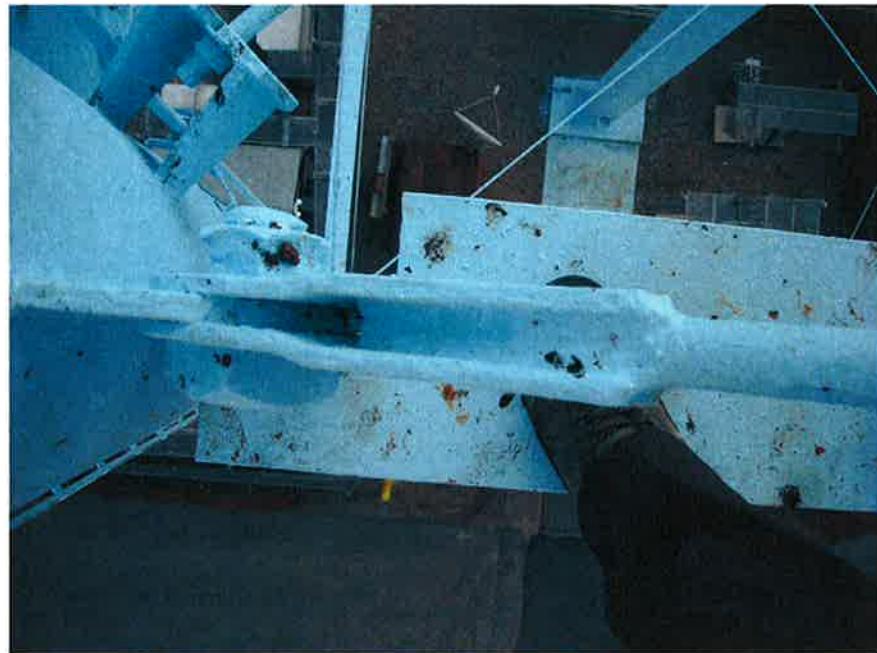


Photos of existing bracing connection.



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Top view of existing bracing connection.



Photo of turnbuckle on existing brace.

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