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RE: **PE1133-VER-20171004** – Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless sub-petition for a declaratory ruling for approval of an eligible facility request for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 365 Hartford Road, New Britain, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Skelly:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence on behalf of the City of New Britain, dated October 10, 2017, concerning Verizon Wireless' request for approval of an Eligible Facilities Request to collocate antennas and equipment on an existing telecommunications facility located at 365 Hartford Road in New Britain, under Petition No. 1133. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

In October 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules to encourage, to the maximum extent economically desirable, use of existing commercial wireless infrastructure to speed deployment of a nationwide public safety wireless broadband network. The FCC noted that collocation on existing structures is often the most efficient and economical solution for mobile wireless service providers that need new cell sites to expand their existing coverage area, increase their capacity or deploy new advanced services. The new rules relate to what constitutes a modification that substantially changes the physical dimensions of a tower or base station and require mandatory approval by a state or local entity with jurisdiction over telecommunications facilities within 60 days of submittal of an Eligible Facilities Request if the Eligible Facilities Request meets the criteria under the FCC rules.

In reaching a final decision on an Eligible Facilities Request, the Council carefully considers whether the Eligible Facilities Request meets the FCC criteria.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n. Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the petitioner.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq., Robinson & Cole LLP
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**Re: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
365 Hartford Road, New Britain, CT**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This office represents the City of New Britain in connection with a Sub-Petition for a Declaratory Ruling filed by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless "Cellco" related to the cell tower owned by the City of New Britain and located at 365 Hartford Road.

It appears that Cellco's petition may differ from the plan submitted by Cellco and memorialized in a Tower Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Tower Lease Agreement entered into between the City and Cellco on September 14, 2017. Copies of both agreements are attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Exhibit A to the Tower Lease Agreement and Exhibit B to the Memorandum of Tower Lease Agreement are identical and set forth the scope of the installation on the cell tower which was approved by the City of New Britain.

If in fact Cellco's submission to the Connecticut Siting Council differs from or expands what is authorized in the Tower Lease Agreement, the City of New Britain's objects to approval of anything beyond what was agreed to in the Lease Agreement.

Please contact this office if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,
Office of Corporation Counsel


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Enclosure

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