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RE: **DOCKET NO. 438** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 53 Gallup Road, Voluntown, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan – Part 1

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on December 12, 2013, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan – Part 1 (tree clearing) submitted for this project on November 13, 2013, with the condition that the next phase of the Development and Management Plan contain an evaluation of potential vernal pool impacts as referenced in Tab 13 (Wetlands Delineation Report- Site 2 pg. 5 of the All –Points letter) of the application.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on November 13, 2013. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-77.

Please be advised that changes and deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated December 12, 2013.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

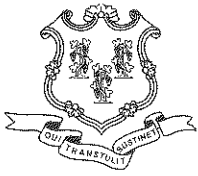
Robert Stein
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Enclosure: Staff Report, dated December 12, 2013

c: Parties and Intervenors

The Honorable Robert A. Sirpenski, First Selectman, Town of Voluntown
Peter Zvingilas, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Voluntown



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Docket 438
Voluntown – 53 Gallup Road
Cellco/Verizon Wireless
Development and Management Plan
Staff Report
December 12, 2013

On September 5, 2013 the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 53 Gallup Road in Voluntown, Connecticut. This site was one of two possible facility locations offered in Verizon's certificate application and is the one selected by the Council in its Decision and Order. In its decision, the Council specified that the approved tower shall be constructed as a monopole and shall not exceed 150 feet in height.

In this docket, two bat species — the Red Bat and the Silver-haired Bat — listed as State Species of Special Concern were identified as potentially occurring in the vicinity of the approved site. To avoid impacting these bat species' roosting habitat during their roosting season, Verizon proposed clearing the approved site sometime between September and May. In order to accomplish this, Verizon is submitting its Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this facility in two stages. The first stage, received by the Council on November 13, 2013, encompasses the clearing of 19 trees and some site grading. This work would be conducted within an area of approximately 190 feet by 170 feet. Verizon is seeking to complete the necessary tree clearing by April 1 of 2014.

Verizon's plans indicate that the proposed location of its tower has been moved approximately 45 feet closer to Gallup Road. This relocation is in conformance with the Decision and Order, which included this relocation as one of its stipulations.

Verizon plans to submit the second stage of its D&M Plan at a later date. This second stage will encompass the actual construction of the facility.

Staff recommends granting Verizon approval of this first stage of its D&M Plan to conduct clearing and site grading as depicted on Sheet C-1.1 dated 10/11/13.

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
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Status Granted	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
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