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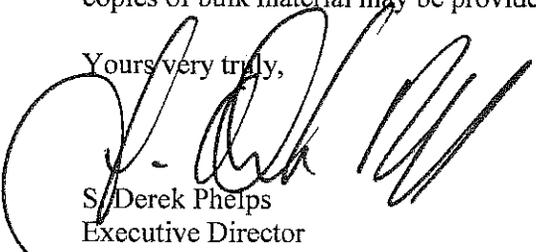
RE: **DOCKET NO. 345** - MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Exeter Drive in Sterling, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Gannon and Ms. Carter:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than November 2, 2007. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 20 copies to this office. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. A list of parties and intervenors is enclosed. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,


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Executive Director

SDP/MP

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Docket 345: MCF
Sterling, Connecticut
Pre-Hearing Interrogatories, Set One

1. On Tab 6 of MCF Communications bg, Inc.'s (MCF) and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless' (Verizon Wireless) (collectively, the Applicant) Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Application), coverage plots are provided to show the existing coverage and the coverage with the proposed antennas centered at 137'. Provide cellular and PCS coverage plots (using the same scale provided) assuming the antennas are located at 127' and 117', respectively.
2. What were the results of the Applicant's notice to abutting property owners? Did the Applicant receive certified mail receipts from all abutters? If not, how many receipts were not returned? Did the Applicant make any additional attempts to notify property owners from whom it might not have received return receipts?
3. What is the Verizon Wireless' existing signal strength in the area that would be covered by this facility?
4. What is the minimum signal level Verizon Wireless would consider acceptable for service in the vicinity of the proposed site?
5. What is the minimum signal level that Verizon Wireless requires in order to provide adequate in-vehicle coverage?
6. Identify the distance, direction, structure heights, antenna heights, and addresses of adjacent facilities with which the proposed facility would hand off traffic.
7. Identify the area (in square miles) that would be covered by the proposed facility for cellular and also PCS.
8. Approximately how long (in miles) is the existing coverage gap on Route 14? Approximately how long (in miles) is the existing coverage gap on Route 14a?
9. Calculate the amounts of cut and fill that would be required to develop this facility.
10. Would any blasting be required at the proposed site?
11. Is the site located within a flood zone (e.g. 100 yr, 500 yr.)?
12. What is the fuel type for the backup generator, e.g. diesel?
13. Has the Applicant considered using a fuel cell for backup power at this site? Does MCF or Verizon Wireless have fuel cells at other Connecticut sites?
14. Is the cellular frequency band primarily a voice transmitting system?
15. Is the PCS frequency band primarily a data transmitting system?
16. Describe PCS functions by today's criteria and the potential future use.