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RE: **DOCKET NO. 360** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 188 Route 7 South, Falls Village (Canaan), Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on March 7, 2013, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on February 20, 2013, with the condition that Cellco provide to the Council one copy of the Connecticut Department of Transportation encroachment permit.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on February 20, 2013. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that 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 March 7, 2013.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,


Robert Stein
Chairman *UR*

RS/CW/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated March 7, 2013

c: Parties and Intervenors

The Honorable Patricia Allyn Mechare, First Selectman, Town of Canaan
Michael Owen O'Neil, Zoning Officer, Town of Canaan

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Development and Management Plan Staff Report

On March 12, 2009, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 150-foot monopole or a monopine no taller than 157 feet above ground level (agl), at 188 Route 7 South in Falls Village (Canaan), Connecticut. Consistent with Condition No. 3 of the Council's Decision and Order (D&O), Cellco submitted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the approved facility on February 20, 2013.

The Council's decision on this docket was appealed by Dina Jaeger and was resolved in Connecticut Supreme Court on June 24, 2011 and U.S. Supreme Court on June 27, 2011. Subsequently, Cellco had received Council approval for an 18 month extension of the deadline for construction and operation of the facility to June 27, 2014.

The tower will be located in the center portion of the property owned by The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. The property is currently undeveloped but is the future location of the Volunteer Fire Department building and parking areas. The Cellco facility will be constructed west of the fire department parking areas.

Consistent with D&O Condition No. 1, Cellco consulted with the National Park Service, State Historic Preservation Office, and the Town of Canaan (Board of Selectmen and Planning and Zoning Commission) as to the appropriate design of the tower structure. Cellco provided correspondence from the National Park Service, dated April 18, 2008 stating that the National Park Service recommends the construction of a monopine. On May 5, 2009, Cellco provided a letter to the Council with minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of April 22, 2009, stating that the Commission was in favor of the monopine.

Consistent with D&O Condition No. 2, the tower will be constructed as a monopine with the top of the branches not to exceed 157 feet agl. Cellco will install its panel antennas on t-arms at a centerline height of 150 feet agl. Three levels on the tower will remain available for future carriers at 140 feet, 130 feet and 120 feet agl. Branches of the monopine will begin at 60 feet agl.

The tower will be located within a 50-foot by 75-foot equipment compound surrounded by an eight-foot high chain-link fence. Retaining walls will be constructed beneath the fence line on the north, west, and south sides of the equipment compound. The retaining walls will be up to approximately ten feet high. A timber guiderail will be installed along the southern side of the compound. The gate to the compound will be in the center of the southern side.

Cellco will install equipment within a 12-foot by 30-foot shelter that will include a diesel backup power generator.

Access to the site will extend from Route 7 over a new gravel driveway for approximately 310 feet. A cross drainage swale will be installed across the access road with a level spreader to the south of the swale. Utilities will be installed underground along the access road to the site. Erosion control measures will be installed along the west and south sides of the level spreader and along portions of the access road and the retaining wall.

The cumulative worst-case maximum power density from the radio frequency emissions from the operation of Cellco's antennas is approximately 19 percent of the standard for Maximum Permissible Exposure, as adopted by the Federal Communications Commission, at the base of the tower.

Cellco has complied with the Council's D&O dated March 12, 2009 and Council staff recommends approval of this D&M Plan with the condition that one copy of the Connecticut Department of Transportation encroachment permit be provided to the Council.