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Re: **Docket No. 361 - Application Of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless For A Certificate Of Environmental Compatibility And Public Need For The Construction, Maintenance And Operation Of A Wireless Telecommunications Facility Off Norfolk Road (Route 44), Winchester, Connecticut**

Dear Mr. Phelps:

In response to your August 29, 2008 memorandum, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") offers the following revisions[1] with respect to errors or inconsistencies in the Council's Draft Findings of Fact dated August 18, 2008 in connection with the above-referenced matter:

Finding of Fact No. 4: The purpose of the proposed facility is to provide wireless service to Route 44, Route 183 and local roads northwest of the Winsted section of Winchester. (Verizon 1, pp. 1-2; Tab 7)

Finding of Fact No. 5: Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m, the Council, after giving due notice thereof, held a public hearing on July 8, 2008, beginning at ~~3:00~~ 3:15 p.m. and continuing at 7:00 p.m. at the Winchester Town Hall, 338 Main Street, Winchester, Connecticut. (Council's Hearing Notice dated May 28, 2008; Tr. 1, p.2; Transcript 2 – 07/08/08, 7:00 p.m. [Tr. 2], p. 2)

Finding of Fact 11: The Council received a written~~, no~~ comment response from the DOT's Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations on June 26, 2008

[1] Proposed revisions are reflected as: additions; ~~deletions~~.

indicating that Cellco would need to obtain an encroachment permit if the proposed project requires access to Route 44 or would require any work within the Route 44 right of way. (Record)

Finding of Fact 20: Verizon established a search area for the site in June of ~~2006~~ 2004 that focused on three distinct hills north and northwest of Winsted. (Verizon 1, Tab 9; Verizon 3, Q. 2)

Finding of Fact 21: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Verizon 1, Tab ~~7~~ 9).

Finding of Fact 22: During the site search, Verizon examined the proposed site property and three locations on property ~~properties~~ owned by the Knights of Columbus on Marshall Street and Colebrook Road. Verizon rejected the three Knights of Columbus ~~properties~~ locations due to inadequate coverage to the target service area. (Verizon 1, Tab 9)

Finding of Fact 23: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Verizon 1, Tab 7, Tab 9~~; Verizon 8~~).

Finding of Fact 24: The proposed facility is located on a ~~58~~ 63-acre parcel owned by Win 21 LLC on the north side of Route 44. (Verizon 1, pp. 2, 16, Tab 1; Tr. 1, p. 11)

Finding of Fact 32: Access to the site would be from a 1,268 foot ~~gravel~~ road, portions of which would be constructed of gravel and portions of which would be paved, extending from Route 44. The road would follow 815 feet of existing logging roads. (Verizon 1, Tab 1; Tr. 1, pp. 10-11)

Finding of Fact 34: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Verizon 3, Q. 8, Tr. 1, pp. 12-13).

Finding of Fact 35: The record citation to support this finding should read: (~~Verizon~~ Tr. 1, p. 32).

Finding of Fact 38: The nearest resident to the proposed tower site is approximately ~~1,840~~ 1,850 feet to the north. (Verizon 1, p. 13, Tab 1)

Finding of Fact 42: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Verizon 1, Tab 11; Verizon 3, Q. ~~14~~ 16).

Finding of Fact 44: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Tr. 1, pp. 13-14).

Finding of Fact 52: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Verizon 1, Tab 10; Tr. 2, pp. 9-13, ~~31,~~ 34-36; Record).

Finding of Fact 58: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Tr. 2, pp. ~~32~~ 30-33, 44).

Finding of Fact 60: Verizon currently has no reliable, continuous cellular or PCS coverage on Route 44 immediately northwest of Winsted (refer to Figures 3 & 6). Limited ~~cellar~~ cellular coverage from Verizon's "Colebrook Southwest" (Verizon at ~~125~~ 117 feet agl) and "Winchester East" (Verizon at ~~117~~ 125 feet agl) facilities extends along this section of Route 44. (Verizon 1, p. 2, Tab 7; Verizon 4)

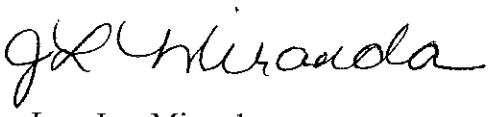
Finding of Fact 62: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Verizon 3, Q. 20~~; Verizon~~, Tab 3; Tr. 1, pp. 17-18).

Finding of Fact 63: The record citation to support this finding should read: (Tr. ~~1~~ 2, pp. 41-42; Verizon late file, August 7, 2008).

Finding of Fact 65: Alternative 1, located near the top of the ridgeline, approximately ~~200~~ 300 feet to the west of the proposed site, did not have any site development issues. A tower height of 180 feet was analyzed and determined to be unsuitable since PCS coverage gaps totaling 0.25 miles would occur on Route 44 and 183. Additionally, a 180-foot tower in the Alternative 1 location would essentially have the same visibility impact to residences along Routes 183 as the proposed 150-foot tower. (Verizon late file, August 7, 2008, pp. 2-3, Tabs 1, 2, 3)

Cellco appreciates the opportunity to review and offer comments on the draft Findings of Fact. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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