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TO: Parties and Intervenors

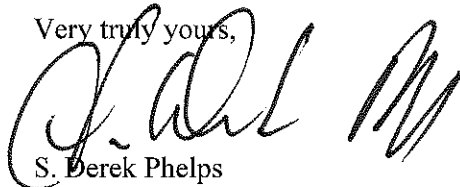
RE: **DOCKET NO. 358** – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site A, and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site B, Thompson, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Thursday, May 22, 2008, in the Council's office, at Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, beginning at 1:00 p.m. All parties and intervenors are requested to attend. The purpose of this pre-hearing conference is to expedite the hearing procedure without sacrificing an informative record necessary for the Council to render a decision.

At the conference, parties and intervenors will be encouraged to discuss requirements for pre-filed testimony, exhibit lists, administrative notice lists, expected witness lists, and the filing of pre-hearing interrogatories. To save the time and expense of the public, the Council wishes to avoid direct testimony at the hearing.

Each party and intervenor is requested to provide all other parties and intervenors in attendance a list of witnesses and the subjects their pre-filed testimony will address, a list of documents to be administratively noticed, and copies of any available exhibits to be offered at the hearing. The pre-hearing conference will also address the grouping of parties and intervenors and the order of presentations at the hearing.

Very truly yours,



S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

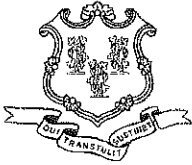
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Enclosures

1. Hearing Notice
2. Service List

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST**

Status Granted	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless	<p>Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3597 (860) 275-8200 kbalwin@rc.com</p> <p>Brad Gannon MCF Communications bg, Inc. 733 Turnpike Street, Suite 105 North Andover, MA 01845</p> <p>Sandy Carter, Regulatory Manager Verizon Wireless 99 East River Drive East Hartford, CT 06108 alexandria.carter@verizonwireless.com</p>
Intervenor (Approved on 04/24/08)	Thompson Hills West Condominium Association	<p>Richard W. Thunberg Jr. Board President Thompson Hills West Condominium Association Board of Trustee's 13 Westside Drive, Suite 92 North Grosvenordale, CT 06255</p>



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Merrill Seney Community Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12) - Site A, and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12) - Site B, Thompson, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed sites on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly balloons during the field review to simulate the heights of the proposed facilities.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

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The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by June 3, 2008. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests 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.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before June 3, 2008.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Thompson Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by May 27, 2008.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

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Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Its Representative

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A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 358.

April 25, 2008

Connecticut Siting Council