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December 10, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

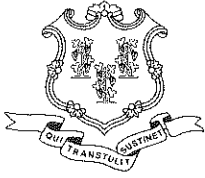
RE: **DOCKET NO. 369** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

SDP/jb

Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC



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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 Thursday, January 29, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from 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 located off Sherman Road, Woodstock, 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 site on Thursday, January 29, 2009, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility.

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.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by January 22, 2009. 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 January 22, 2009.

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 Clerks' Offices of the Woodstock and Union Town Halls for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by January 15, 2009.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

Its Representative

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP
280 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CT 06103-3597
(860) 275-8200

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. 369.

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Ruth Girolomo
Post Reporting Service, Inc.
2015 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

RE: **DOCKET NO. 369** - 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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Girolomo:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Thursday, January 29, 2009
3:00-5:00 p.m. & 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Woodstock Town Hall
415 Rte. 169
Woodstock, CT 06281

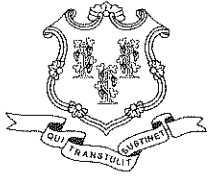
The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Jessica Brito
Office Assistant

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Enclosure (2)



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Joseph Reese
Tech Theatrical Services, LLC
98 Knight Street
Watertown, CT 06795

RE: **DOCKET NO. 369** - 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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reese:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council regarding the subject docket on:

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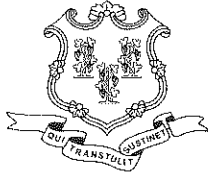
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Very truly yours,

Jessica Brito
Office Assistant

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TO: Christopher B. Fisher, Esq. Thomas J. Regan, Esq.
Cuddy & Feder LP Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LP

Michele G. Briggs H. Karina Fournier
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC T-Mobile

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 369** - Cellco Partnership w/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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

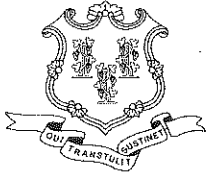
The Connecticut Siting Council has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in Woodstock.

If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response by or before January 22, 2009, will be appreciated. Moreover, in furtherance of the spirit of C.G.S. 16-50aa, we ask that each carrier affirmatively state whether that carrier would likely seek to be located on this proposed facility any time within the foreseeable future.

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Enclosure: Hearing Notice

c: Parties & Intervenors
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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
369081209
Norwich Bulletin
66 Franklin Street
Norwich, CT 06360

FROM: Jessica Brito, Office Assistant 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 369** - 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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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TO: Commissioner Gina McCarthy
Department of Environmental Protection

Commissioner F. Philip Prelli
Department of Agriculture

Commissioner J. Robert Galvin
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman
Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Joan McDonald
Department of Economic and Community Development

Michael W. Lonergan, P.E.
Acting Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations
Department of Transportation

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before January 22, 2009 will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l.

SDP/jb

c: Parties & Intervenors
Council Members

Screening Checklist
Connecticut Department of Transportation
Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts
Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 369
Location: Woodstock Town Hall, off Sherman Road, Woodstock, CT

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?
No
2. Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway
No
3. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.
No
4. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?
No



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Carolyn Derrico
First Selectman Office
415 Rte 169
Woodstock, CT 06281

RE: **DOCKET NO. 369** - 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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Derrico:

Confirming our telephone conversation of November 6, 2008, I appreciate the reservation at the Woodstock Town Hall for a public hearing on January 29, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Jessica Brito
Office Assistant

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Seating Arrangements:

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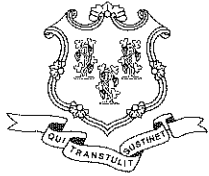
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The Honorable Allen D. Walker, Jr.
First Selectman
Town of Woodstock
Town Office Building
415 Route 169
Woodstock, CT 06281

RE: Hearing Date - January 29, 2009 in connection with **DOCKET NO. 369** - 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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Walker:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing that is scheduled on January 29, 2009.

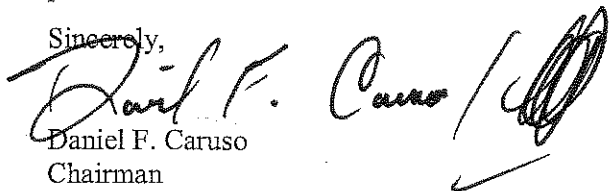
Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

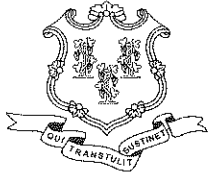
Once an application is filed with the Council at least one public hearing is held in the affected community as well as a public inspection of the proposed site. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms; municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director S. Derek Phelps (860 827-2935). In the event you have legal questions, please contact our Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman (860 827-2951) or our Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi (860 827-2682).

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. It is important that we know the Town's views as part of that decision making process. We hope you will take part in our hearing process.

Sincerely,


Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
DFC/SDP/jb



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The Honorable Thomas L. Fitzgerald
First Selectman
Town of Union
1043 Buckley Highway
Union, CT 06076

RE: Hearing Date - January 29, 2009 in connection with **DOCKET NO. 369** - Celco 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 Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Fitzgerald:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for the above referenced project that entails the construction of an 140-foot telecommunications tower in the Town of Woodstock. Connecticut General Statute § 16-501(p) provides for municipalities within 2,500 feet of a proposed facility to receive adequate notice of the project. The Town of Union is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing for this proceeding that is scheduled in the Town of Woodstock on Thursday, January 29, 2009.

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LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST

Status Granted	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless	Sandy Carter, Regulatory Manager Verizon Wireless 99 East River Drive East Hartford, CT 06108 Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103-3597 (860) 275-8200