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## Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

S. Derek Phelps Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 372 – 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 At 631 Orange Avenue, Milford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Phelps:

I write to update you and the Council on some recent developments that relate specifically to the status of our pending Docket No. 372 application for a telecommunications facility at 631 Orange Avenue in Milford, Connecticut.

As you know, at the end of the Council's March 5, 2009 hearing in Milford, Council members asked Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") to consider and evaluate alternative tower locations on the YMCA property. Since that time Cellco has met with representatives of the YMCA, conducted a series of site visits and completed a thorough visibility analysis for three alternative tower sites located in the southerly portion of the YMCA property. We expect to be in a position to submit the visibility analyses for these alternative locations to the Council shortly. Because this information contemplates additional cell site locations with varying impacts, we will ask the Council to reopen the Docket No. 372 hearing so that this information can be presented and discussed in a public forum.

Since the March 5, 2009 public hearing, Cellco has also been engaged in a series of conversations with representatives of the City of Milford regarding the potential use of Eisenhower Park as an alternative cell site location. As indicated in our Docket No. 372 application, the City of Milford was contacted some time ago to discuss Eisenhower Park as an alternative location. At that time the City was not interested in leasing space to Cellco. At least one member of the Milford Board of Alderman has indicated that the City may now be interested in making Eisenhower Park available to Cellco. We have, therefore, been spending a fairly significant



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amount of time speaking with representatives from the City about possible alternative locations for a tower site in Eisenhower Park. This matter has been placed on the Board of Alderman's agenda for further discussion on May 4, 2009. I will report back to you as soon as I hear from the City whether Eisenhower Park remains a viable alternative for Council consideration.

Lastly, in an effort to respond to other comments we received from area residents and representatives of the City of Milford, we have also gone back and asked the property owner at Barretta Gardens to reconsider the use of that parcel as an alternative to the YMCA property. Those discussions have commenced and the property owner has indicated that he may be interested in providing Cellco with an additional alternative cell site location.

Depending on how all of this plays out, Cellco will, in the not too distant future, be approaching the Council to discuss at least three and possibly five alternative cell site locations in the Milford area that would satisfy its Milford East wireless service objectives. We would hope to provide the Council with all of the appropriate information regarding these alternative locations in the context of the Docket No. 372 proceeding. We do, however, ask that the Council give Cellco additional time so that it can pursue these potential alternative locations as necessary. Under the current schedule, the Council has until June 7, 2009 to render a decision on this docket. Cellco is willing to grant the Council one or more extensions of time, if necessary, so that these additional alternative locations can be adequately and appropriately considered. It would be my hope to be in a position to ask that the Council reopen the hearing sometime this summer.

If you have any questions regarding these events or our time line, please feel free to contact me. I will keep you and the Council informed on our progress. Thank you very much for your continued cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Baldwin

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