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Re: **Docket No. 397 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
Telecommunications Facility at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock,
Connecticut**

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”) anticipates that it will start construction of the approved East Woodstock Facility at 445 Prospect Street in Woodstock (“Property”) in the first quarter of 2013. Although not a requirement of the Siting Council’s Decision and Order or the approved Development & Management (“D&M”) Plan, Cellco and the Council did discuss during the Docket No. 397 hearing the possibility that it might observe certain seasonal restrictions to avoid the potential for construction-related impacts on a vernal pool located on Property to the north of the facility compound. Cellco’s current construction schedule may, however, require it to continue to work during the March 1st to May 15th time frame.

If construction of the approved facility will occur between March 1st and May 15th as we expect, Cellco will incorporate some additional protective measures that will allow it to avoid or significantly minimize potential impact on the identified vernal pool. To that end, the notes under the “Seasonal Restriction” sub-heading on its Construction Plans (Plan Sheet C-3.2) have been modified to describe these additional protective measures. A complete set of Cellco’s Construction Plans are attached for your file. Also attached is a report from Dean Gustafson with All-Points Technology, Inc. verifying that the additional protective measures proposed will have



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the desired effect of avoiding or significantly minimizing adverse effects on the identified vernal pool.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this change please contact me. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Baldwin

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 2, 2013

To: Ms. Alexandria Carter
Verizon Wireless
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From: Dean Gustafson
Senior Wetland Scientist

Re: Vernal Pool Protection Program
Docket No. 397 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
East Woodstock Telecommunications Facility
445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut

All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. ("APT") understands that Verizon Wireless would like to start construction of the East Woodstock Facility ("Facility") at 445 Prospect Street in Woodstock, CT as early as late winter/early spring 2013. I have recommended measures to be implemented during the construction of this Facility in order to provide an appropriate level of protection to nearby wetlands located approximate 50 feet north of the proposed compound. This particular wetland system provides amphibian breeding habitat and is classified as a vernal pool. These protective measures, identified in the Construction Drawings on Sheet No. C-3.2 (latest revision date 01/30/13) under the heading "Vernal Pool Protection Program", will provide protection to both the vernal pool habitat and to amphibians utilizing or migrating into it.

Adherence to seasonal restrictions associated with construction activities may be required between March 1 and May 15, that period which corresponds with peak amphibian migration and vernal pool breeding activity. Should construction activities occur during this seasonal restrictive period, I am proposing implementation of additional protective measures within 750 feet of the vernal pool (no seasonal restrictions are necessary for activities beyond 750 feet). These additional protective measures include the following:

- In order to maintain the same level of protection to amphibian species potentially using the nearby vernal pool habitat, monitoring during critical migration periods between March 1 and May 15 (i.e., "Big Night" and other periods of focused migration) will be increased.
- Monitoring will be performed by an APT Environmental Monitor each morning prior to the start of construction during critical migration periods to remove any amphibians that might have been trapped within the construction zone or along erosion and sedimentation controls.
- Additional restrictive barriers may be installed based on monitoring observations to facilitate migration of vernal pool herptofauna to the vernal pool habitat and away from the construction zone.

With adherence to the vernal pool protective measures noted on Sheet No. C-3.2 of the Construction Drawings, it is my professional opinion that construction of the proposed Facility (either within or outside of the seasonal restrictive period) will not result in an adverse impact to the nearby vernal pool or amphibians utilizing this habitat. Thank you for your commitment to protection of this unique wetland habitat and the amphibians that rely on it.