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RE: **DOCKET NO. 397** - 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 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut.

By its Decision and Order dated August 26, 2010, the Connecticut Siting Council granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Alternate Site B at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Enclosed are the Council's Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

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Enclosures (3)

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Findings of Fact

Introduction

1. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco), in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §§ 16-50g through 16-50aa, applied to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) on December 9, 2009 for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 130-foot wireless telecommunications facility located at the Rich Farm, 445 Prospect Street in Woodstock, Connecticut. (Cellco 1, p. 3)
2. Cellco is a Delaware Partnership with an office in East Hartford, Connecticut. Cellco is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to construct and operate a personal wireless service system in Connecticut. (Cellco 1, pp. 4, 7)
3. The purpose of the proposed facility is to provide wireless service for Cellco to Route 197 and Route 169 in the northeast corner of Woodstock. (Cellco 1, pp. 1-2, Tab 7)
4. Pursuant to CGS § 16-50m, the Council held a public hearing on March 11, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and continuing at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut. The hearing was continued on May 27, 2010, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, 185 Main Street, New Britain, Connecticut. (Transcript 1 – 03/11/10, 3:00 p.m. [Tr. 1], p. 2; Transcript 2 – 03/11/10, 7:00 p.m. [Tr. 2], p. 2; Transcript 3 – 05/27/10, 2:30 p.m. [Tr. 3], p. 2)
5. Prior to the March 11, 2010 hearing, Cellco submitted information regarding a second potential location on the parcel for a telecommunications facility, referred to as Alternate Site A, located near a barn on the property. After the hearing and in response to Council inquiries, Cellco submitted details regarding a third potential site, referred to as Alternate Site B, located on the eastern portion of the property (refer to Figure 1). (Cellco 11, Q. 1; Tr. 2, pp. 46-49, 88-89, 92)
6. The Council and its staff conducted an inspection of the Original Site and Alternate Site A, on March 11, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant flew four-foot diameter balloons at both sites from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to simulate the height of the proposed facilities. A red balloon was flown to a height of 130 feet at the Original Site and a black balloon was flown to a height of 140 feet at Alternate Site A. Weather conditions were favorable and the balloons maintained their intended heights through most of the day. (Tr. 2, p. 87)
7. A field review of the Alternate Site B was conducted on May 24, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant flew a balloon from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to simulate the height of the proposed 160-foot facility. The balloon maintained its intended height throughout the afternoon. (Tr. 3, p. 31)
8. Notice of the application was sent to all abutting property owners by certified mail. All return receipts were received. (Cellco 1, p. 6, Tab 5; Cellco 7, Q. 1)

9. Public notice of the application was published in the Norwich Bulletin on December 3 and 4, 2009. (Cellco 3)
10. Cellco installed a four-foot by six-foot sign at along Prospect Street, near the entrance to the proposed Original Site access drive, on February 26, 2010. The sign presented information regarding the project and public hearing. (Cellco 6)
11. Pursuant to CGS § 16-50l(b), Cellco provided notice of the application to all federal, state and local officials and agencies listed therein. (Cellco 1, p. 4)

State Agency Comment

12. Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), on March 15, 2010 and May 26, 2010, the following State agencies were solicited to submit written comments regarding the proposed facility: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Public Health (DPH), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), Office of Policy and Management (OPM), Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Agriculture (DOAg), and Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). (Record)
13. On February 12, 2010, the Council received a written no comment response from the DOT Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations. (Record)
14. On February 26, 2010, the Council received comments from the DPH Drinking Water Section indicating that the site is within the watershed of an active public water supply. The DPH recommended the adherence to construction best management practices and notification of the commencement of construction. Cellco would comply with DPH's recommendations. (Record; Tr. 1, pp. (88-89)
15. On March 4, 2010, the Council received comments from the DOAg, stating that the property survey records used for site plans could be inaccurate, and that the tower is located on prime agricultural soil (Record)
16. With the exception of the DOT, DPH and DOAg, no other state agencies submitted comments in response to the Council's solicitation. (Record)

Municipal Consultation

17. On August 20, 2009, Cellco submitted a technical report to the Town of Woodstock First Selectman Allan Walker, Jr. On October 20, 2009, Cellco appeared before a public meeting of the Woodstock Telecommunications Task Force (WTTF). (Cellco 1, pp. 19-20)
18. On May 24, 2010, Cellco attended a public meeting of the WTTF and presented information regarding Alternate Site B. (Tr. 3, pp. 29-30)
19. The Woodstock First Selectman made a limited appearance statement into the record at the Council's hearing held on March 11, 2010, acknowledging the lack of service in northeast Woodstock but further indicated that the town has no position on regarding the Original Site or Alternate Site A. The town did not comment on Alternate Site B. (Tr. 1, pp. 6-7; Record)

20. The Woodstock Historic Properties Commission provided a written limited appearance statement into the record stating that the proposed site is located in a scenic area of Woodstock and that, if approved, the visual impact of a tower should be minimized. (Town of Woodstock Historic Properties Commission letter of May 11, 2010)

Public Need for Service

21. In 1996, the United States Congress recognized a nationwide need for high quality wireless telecommunications services, including cellular telephone service. Through the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress seeks to promote competition, encourage technical innovations, and foster lower prices for telecommunications services. (Council Administrative Notice Item 7)
22. In issuing cellular licenses, the Federal government has preempted the determination of public need for cellular service by the states, and has established design standards to ensure technical integrity and nationwide compatibility among all systems. Cellco is licensed by the FCC to provide wireless service to Windham County. (Council Administrative Notice Item 7; Cellco 1, p. 8)
23. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibits local and state entities from discriminating among providers of functionally equivalent services. (Council Administrative Notice Item 7)
24. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibits any state or local entity from regulating telecommunications towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with FCC's regulations concerning such emissions. This Act also blocks the Council from prohibiting or acting with the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless service. (Council Administrative Notice Item 7)
25. In an effort to ensure the benefits of wireless technologies to all Americans, Congress enacted the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999. The purpose of this legislation was to promote public safety through the deployment of a seamless, nationwide emergency communications infrastructure that includes wireless communications services. (Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999)
26. Cellco would provide space on the tower for emergency service antennas. The Quinebaug Valley Emergency Services and the Bungy Fire Department expressed interest in the site, although their exact equipment needs are unknown. (Tr. 3, pp. 28, 85-86)

Cellco - Existing and Proposed Wireless Coverage

27. Cellco proposes to operate cellular (800 MHz), personal communication service (PCS - 1900 MHz), and long-term evolution (LTE - 700 MHz) equipment at the proposed site. Cellular and PCS service would begin immediately. LTE service has not yet been deployed in the Woodstock area. (Cellco 1, p. 8)
28. Each of the wireless systems would provide voice and data services including but not limited to high-speed internet access, video downloads, e-mail, text and mobile television. When LTE service is deployed, all three systems would operate as one integrated unit. (Cellco 7, Q. 6)

29. The Woodstock area was not in Cellco's initial build-out plan when their network was first developed over twenty years ago. Instead, Cellco concentrated development along major travel corridors. Over time, demand for Cellco's services increased in rural residential areas such as Woodstock. (Tr. 2, pp. 81-82)
30. Cellco seeks to provide coverage to Route 197 and Route 169 between existing Cellco facilities at 720 Quinebaug Road in Thompson (Quinebaug facility), 1.8 miles east of the proposed Original Site, and 1825 Route 198 in Woodstock (Coatney Hill facility), 4.25 miles southwest of the proposed Original Site. Cellular and PCS coverage from these existing sites does not extend to the proposed service area (refer to Figures 2 & 3). (Cellco 1, pp. 1-2, Tab 7)
31. The existing cellular signal level in the proposed service area ranges from -91 dBm to -101 dBm. (Cellco 7, Q. 10)
32. To maintain reliable service, Cellco designs and operates at a signal level threshold of -85 dBm for in-vehicle service and -75 dBm for in-building service for all three systems. (Cellco 7, Q. 5)
33. Cellco currently experiences a 2.6% drop call rate and 2.4% ineffective attempt rate within the proposed service area. Cellco is seeking to reduce the drop call and ineffective attempt rates to less than 1%. (Cellco 7, Q. 9)
34. Installing antennas at the proposed height of 130 feet above ground level (agl) at the proposed Original Site would provide the following reliable service (-85 dBm or greater) to the proposed service area:

Coverage Type	Linear miles on Rt. 169	Linear miles on Rt. 197	Square miles
<i>Cellular (Fig. 4)</i>	3.1	3.5	11.6
<i>PCS (Fig. 5)</i>	2.2	2.0	8.3
<i>LTE</i>	3.4	4.1	13.1

(Refer to Figures 4 & 5). (Cellco 1, p. 2, Tab 7)

35. The coverage plots for all three systems at 130 feet agl at the proposed Original Site depict an area of signal weakness at the intersection of Routes 169 and Route 197 in North Woodstock village. The signal level would be one or two dB's less than desired, but a call would not be dropped. Installing antennas at a height of 120 feet would degrade coverage further at the intersection, becoming a reliability concern. (Cellco 1, Tab 7, Tab 9; Tr. 1, pp. 61-62, 96-97)
36. Coverage from Alternate Site A and Alternate Site B is similar to that of the Original Site. The main exception is that Alternate Site A and Alternate Site B provide stronger cellular coverage to the Route 169 and Route 197 intersection when compared to the Original Site. (Cellco 11, Q. 14; Cellco 23; Tr. 1, p. 63)

Site Selection

37. Cellco established a search area for the proposed service area in October of 2006. The ring initially focused on an area east of North Woodstock village and northwest of East Woodstock village. (Cellco 1, Tab 9)
38. The search included identification of potential structures that could be used for telecommunications purposes and the examination of area properties, including municipal parcels, to identify potential telecommunications sites. (Cellco 1, Tab 9)

39. Cellco did not identify any structures in the search area that would be suitable for a telecommunications facility. (Cellco 1, Tab 9)
40. During the initial search, Cellco investigated 15 properties. Cellco found a suitable property, the Child Dome Road Site, but the First Selectman, Woodstock Historic Properties Commission, and area residents strongly objected to the site due to potential visibility impacts to the historic East Woodstock village area. (Cellco 1, Tab 9; Tr. 1, pp. 55-58, 80-83)
41. Cellco shifted the search ring to the north to avoid East Woodstock village and was informed about the subject property by a member of the community. (Tr. 1, pp. 85-86)
42. While Cellco was investigating the Rich Farm property, Cellco also examined the property at 529 Prospect Street (Kuper Farm), north of the subject parcel, but it did not meet coverage requirements. (Cellco 1, tab 9; Tr. 1, pp. 84-86)
43. In January 2010, a landowner offered Cellco use of property near 692 Route 197 (Dowd Property), located west of North Woodstock village, but it would offer redundant coverage to the west and inadequate coverage to the east. (Cellco 4; Cellco 7, Q. 13; Tr. 1, pp. 58-59)
44. The landowner of the abutting property to the east (Collins Property) would be willing to lease space to Cellco, but the property is landlocked with no road access and therefore, Cellco eliminated it from consideration. (Tr. 3, pp. 50-51)

Property Description

45. The Rich Farm consists of a 44-acre parcel owned by Frederick C., Barbara P., Frederick C. Jr. and Kimberly Rich at 445 Prospect Street in Woodstock. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
46. The property is located on the east side of Prospect Street, approximately 0.8 mile north of Route 197, and approximately 0.7 mile south of the Massachusetts-Connecticut border. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
47. The property is zoned Community District. (Cellco 1, p. 2)
48. The property is used for agriculture and is improved with a residence, two barns, and several small outbuildings. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
49. The property is located on a narrow north-south oriented hill and contains open field areas, a pond and wetlands. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
50. Land use within a quarter-mile of the site includes low density residential and agricultural. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)

Proposed Facilities

Original Site

51. The proposed Original Site is located in a cornfield on the northwestern portion of the property, 215 feet east of Prospect Street. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
52. The proposed tower would be located at an elevation of 612 feet above mean sea level (amsl). (Cellco 1, Tab 1)

53. The proposed tower would be approximately 187 feet south of the nearest property line (Kuper Farm). The development rights to the Kuper Farm were sold to the State of Connecticut, except for a 2.52-acre parcel in the southwest section of the property, immediately north of the proposed site. (Cellco 1, Tab 1; Cellco 18; Cellco 24)
54. The proposed tower site would be 297 feet east of the nearest residence, owned by Brenda and Craig Rich. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
55. There are four residences within 1,000 feet of the tower site, two of which are owned by the property owner. (Cellco 7, Tab 3, Tab 5)
56. Cellco proposes to construct a 130-foot monopole at the proposed Original Site, capable of supporting four levels of platform-mounted antennas. It would be constructed in accordance with the Electronic Industries Association standard ANSI/TIA-222-F. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
57. Cellco proposes to install 15 panel antennas on a square-shaped platform at a centerline height of 130 feet agl. The top of the antennas would extend to 134 feet agl. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
58. Cellco proposes to construct a 50-foot by 75-foot fenced compound within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area at the site. A 12-foot by 30-foot equipment shelter with siding and a pitched roof would be installed within the compound, enclosed by an eight-foot high chain link fence. An emergency diesel power generator would be located within the shelter. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
59. Access to the site would be from a new 345-foot gravel drive extending from Prospect Street. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
60. Underground utilities would be installed along the access drive from an existing utility pole on Prospect Street. (Cellco 1, Tab 1)
61. The estimated construction cost of the facility is:

Tower, coax, and antennas	\$200,000.
Radio equipment	450,000.
Power systems	20,000.
Equipment building	50,000.
<u>Miscellaneous (site work)</u>	<u>75,000.</u>
<u>Total estimated cost</u>	<u>\$795,000.</u>

(Cellco 1, p. 22)

Alternate Site A

62. The proposed Alternate Site A is located immediately north of a barn on the property, approximately 530 feet south of the proposed Original Site and 150 feet east of Prospect Street. (Cellco 11, Q. 1; Cellco 14; Cellco 21; Tr. 1, pp. 18-19)
63. The proposed Alternate Site A tower would be located at an elevation of 570 feet amsl. (Cellco 11)

64. The proposed Alternate Site A tower would be approximately 200 feet east of the nearest property line, owned by the landlord on the west side of Prospect Street. The nearest property not owned by Rich family members is approximately 570 feet west of the tower site (Lamey Property). (Cellco 1, Tab 1; Cellco 7, Tab 5; Cellco 29)
65. The proposed Alternate Site A tower would be 120 feet north of the nearest residence, owned by the property owner. (Cellco 11, Q. 1).
66. There are four residences within 1,000 feet of the Alternate Site A tower, three of which are owned by Rich family members. (Tr. 2, pp. 85-87)
67. Cellco proposes to construct a 140-foot monopole at proposed Alternate Site A. It would be capable of supporting four levels of platform-mounted antennas and would be constructed in accordance with the Electronic Industries Association standard ANSI/TIA-222-F. (Cellco 11, Q. 1)
68. Cellco proposes to install 15 panel antennas at a centerline height of 140 feet agl. The top of the antennas would extend to 144 feet agl. (Cellco 14)
69. Cellco proposes to construct a 50-foot by 75-foot fenced compound within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area at the site. A 12-foot by 30-foot equipment shelter with siding and a pitched roof would be installed within the compound, enclosed by an eight-foot high chain link fence. An emergency diesel power generator would be located within the shelter. (Cellco 14)
70. Access to the site would be from a new 180-foot gravel driveway extending from Prospect Street. Utilities would be installed underground along the access drive. (Cellco 14; Tr. 1, pp. 17-18)
71. Development of Alternate Site A would cost \$50,000 more than the cost of development of the Original Site. (Cellco 24)

Alternate Site B

72. Proposed Alternate Site B is located on the eastern portion of the property, along the north edge of a field area approximately 1,070 feet southwest of the Original Site and 855 feet east of Prospect Street. (Cellco 25; Cellco 28; Cellco 29)
73. The proposed Alternate Site B tower would be located at an elevation of 522 feet amsl. (Cellco 28)
74. The proposed Alternate Site B tower would be 207 feet west of the nearest property line (Collins Property). Cellco could move the tower and compound 10 to 20 feet west to increase the distance to the Collins property line. (Cellco 1, Tab 1; Tr. 3, pp. 26-27, 36-44)
75. The proposed Alternate Site B tower would be 714 feet east of the nearest residence, owned by property owner. The nearest residence not owned by Rich family members is 1,244 feet south of the site at 399 Prospect Street (Wisneski Property). (Tr. 3, pp. 8-9, 87).
76. There are three residences within 1,000 feet of Alternate Site B, all of which are owned by Rich family members. (Tr. 3, p. 8)

77. Cellco proposes to construct a 160-foot monopole at proposed Alternate Site B. It would be capable of supporting four levels of platform-mounted antennas and would be constructed in accordance with the Electronic Industries Association standard ANSI/TIA-222-F. (Cellco 11, Q. 1)
78. Cellco proposes to install 15 panel antennas at a centerline height of 160 feet agl. The top of the antennas would extend to 164 feet agl. (Cellco 28)
79. Cellco proposes to construct a 50-foot by 75-foot fenced compound within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area at the site. A 12-foot by 30-foot equipment shelter would be installed within the compound. The compound would be enclosed by an eight-foot high chain link fence. An emergency diesel power generator would be located within the shelter. (Cellco 14)
80. Access to Alternate Site B would be from an existing 1,300-foot long farm road extending east from Prospect Street along the south property line. The existing road curves north to a field area. Cellco would upgrade the road to a 14-foot wide crushed stone surface and extend it through the field to the compound area. Underground utilities servicing the compound would be installed along the access drive. (Cellco 28; Cellco 29; Tr. 3, pp. 22-23, 56)
81. Development of Alternate Site B would cost \$50,000 more than the cost of development of the Original Site. (Cellco 24)

Environmental Concerns

82. Development of the Original Site or Alternate Site A would have no adverse effect on historic, architectural or archeological resources listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The State Historic Preservation Officer indicated development of Alternate Site B would have no effect on architectural or archeological resources (letter submitted to Council August 18, 2010). (Cellco 1, p. 21; Tr. 1, pp. 21-22; Tr. 3, pp. 47-48)
83. The subject property is not within any designated area indicating the presence of Federally threatened or endangered species or State endangered, threatened or special concern species. (Cellco 1, p. 15)
84. No trees would be removed to develop the proposed Original Site. Several groups of trees are located in and around the proposed Alternate Site but the landowner plans to remove them as part of property improvements. Nine trees would be removed to develop the access road to proposed Alternate Site B. (Cellco 1, Tab 1; Tr. 1, pp. 18-20; Tr. 3, pp. 24-25)
85. Development of the proposed Original Site and proposed Alternate Site A would not directly affect any wetlands or watercourses. The nearest wetlands to these sites are over 400 feet distant. Development of the Alternate Site B compound area would not directly affect any wetland areas. The compound would be located approximately 50 feet from a wetland area and a vernal pool. To avoid impacts to species that may use these areas as breeding areas, construction should not occur from March 1 to May 15. Additionally, properly informed personnel would perform amphibian sweeps of the construction areas. (Cellco 1, Tab 12; Cellco 16; Cellco 29)
86. The existing farm access road to Alternate Site B passes through two wetland areas: one immediately east of Prospect Street where the road is approximately eight feet wide and features a stone and cobble base; and the second at an intermittent watercourse after the farm road turns northward. Improvements to the road would require permanent filling of 2,500 square feet of wetlands along the edges of the road as it is widened to a 12-foot travel surface with two-foot shoulders. Most of the impact would occur at the first wetland crossing. (Cellco 29, Tr. 3, pp. 22-24)

87. The planting of native wetland vegetation would mitigate temporary wetland impacts associated with the Alternate Site B access road. (Tr. 3, p. 24)
88. Cellco would install a drainage culvert where the Alternate Site B access road crosses the intermittent watercourse. Stormwater would sheet-flow off the access road and no drainage structures are proposed to concentrate flow. (Cellco 28; Tr. 3, pp. 6, 56)
89. Erosion and sedimentation controls and other best management practices would be established and maintained for the duration of site construction. (Cellco 1, p. 19)
90. All three sites are located within Flood Zone C, designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an area with a minimal risk for flooding. (Cellco 1, p. 19, Tab 12)
91. The Town of Woodstock is located within the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage corridor, a 35-town area located in northeast Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts. Congress established the corridor in 1994 to recognize the region as a unique national resource. The designation is intended to encourage preservation and promotion of the region's cultural, historical and natural heritage. The proposed sites would not affect any identified cultural, historical or natural resources identified within the area. The proposed tower would be added to five such structures already existing in Woodstock. (Council Administrative Notice Item 19; Cellco 27)
92. The proposed Original Site is located on prime agricultural soil currently in production. Development of the site would impact approximately 0.4-acres or three percent of the prime soil on the property. (Cellco 16; Tr. 2, pp. 54-55)
93. The proposed Alternate Site A is located on soil of statewide importance but the development area is not currently under production. Approximately 0.3 acres or two percent of this soil type would be developed. (Cellco 16; Tr. 2, pp. 54-55)
94. Proposed Alternate Site B is not on any soil classified as prime or of statewide importance. The soil in the development area is classified as very stony. (Cellco 16, Cellco 28; Tr. 2, pp. 55-56)
95. Aircraft hazard obstruction marking or lighting would not be required for any facility under 765 feet amsl (Original Site is 746 feet amsl, Alternate Site A is 714 amsl, Alternate Site B is 682 amsl). The nearest landing facility is a private helipad approximately 4.6 miles from the property. (Cellco 1, Tab 13; Cellco 12; Cellco 15; Cellco 28)
96. The cumulative worst-case maximum power density from the radio frequency emissions from the operation of Cellco's proposed antennas at any of the sites would not exceed the standard for Maximum Permissible Exposure, as adopted by the FCC, at the base of the proposed tower. This calculation was based on methodology prescribed by the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65E, Edition 97-01 (August 1997) that assumes all antennas would be pointed at the base of the tower and all channels would be operating simultaneously, which creates the highest possible power density levels. Under normal operation, the antennas would be oriented outward, directing radio frequency emissions away from the tower, thus resulting in significantly lower power density levels in areas around the tower base. The calculated values, as a percentage of the standard, would be 27% for the Original Site, 23% for the Alternate Site and 18% for the Alternate B Site. (Cellco 7, Tab 6)

Visibility

97. The visibility of each of the three proposed towers within a two-mile radius of the sites is as follows:

	Original Site	Alternate Site	Alternate B Site
Year-round visibility (acres)	167	235	95
Seasonal visibility (acres)	102	99	74
Prospect Street, homes with year-round views (within 0.25 mi. W or NW)	6 (3 are Rich Family)	6 (3 are Rich Family)	5 (3 are Rich Family)
Green Road, homes with year-round views (within 0.25 mi. W or SW)	1	1	1
Chandler School Road, homes with year-round views (1.5 mi. SE)	1	1	0
Dugg Hill Road, homes with year-round views (1.9 mi. SE)	1	1	0
Paine Road, homes with year-round views (1.9 miles SE)	3	1	0

(Refer to Figures 6, 7 & 8). (Cellco 1, Tab 10; Cellco 21; Cellco 22; Tr. 1, pp. 27-32)

98. Most of the year-round and seasonal visibility for all three sites would be from open areas along Prospect Street from the Massachusetts border to an area 0.1 mile south of the Green Road intersection. Additional areas of year-round visibility would be from open areas over a mile from the sites. (Cellco 1, Tab 10; Cellco 21; Cellco 22)
99. Of the three proposed sites, the Original Site (746 amsl) would be most visible from open areas along Prospect Street, except near the Green Road intersection. The Alternate Site (716 amsl) and Alternate B Site (682 amsl) would have less visibility from the northern portions of Prospect Street, but would have greater visibility from the Green Road intersection area. (Cellco 1, Tab 10; Cellco 21; Cellco 22; Tr. 1, pp. 29-32)
100. The residential property at 496 Prospect Street would have year-round views of a majority of the proposed Original Site tower, approximately 500 feet to the southwest, and the upper portion of the proposed Alternate Site and Alternate B Site towers, approximately 1,000 feet and 1,600 feet to the southwest, respectively. (Cellco 22; Tr. 1, pp. 33-34)
101. The residential property at 306 Green Road (Lamey Property) would have year-round views of the upper half of the Original Site tower, approximately 680 feet to the southwest, and a majority of the proposed Alternate Site, approximately 550 feet to the east. Year-round views of the Alternate B Site tower, approximately 1,200 feet to the east, would be limited. (Cellco 1, Tab 1, Tab 10; Cellco 13; Cellco 22; Tr. 3, pp. 11-13)
102. The non-restricted parcel on the Kuper Farm would have views of the entire Original Site facility and most of the Alternate Site A tower and Alternate Site B tower. The Alternate Site B tower is the most distant of the three, approximately 970 feet to the southeast. The Original Site tower and Alternate Site A tower are 187 feet and 750 feet south of the parcel, respectively. (Cellco 13; Cellco 18; Cellco 22; Cellco 25; Tr. 1, pp. 51-52; Tr. 2, pp. 73-74)
103. The Alternate B Site tower would not be visible year-round from the property at 399 Prospect Street (Wisneski Property). (Tr. 3, pp. 13-14)

104. The proposed facilities would not be visible from Route 169, a state designated scenic road located approximately one mile to the west. (Cellco 1, Tab 10; Cellco 21; Cellco 22; Tr. 1, p. 27; Tr. 2, pp. 53-54)
105. The proposed facilities would not be visible from the Captain Seth Chandler House, a historic property located approximately three-quarters of a mile to the south. (Cellco 1, Tab 10; Cellco 10; Cellco 21; Cellco 22; Tr. 1, pp. 25-26)
106. The proposed facilities would not be visible from any known hiking trails maintained by the DEP or the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association. (Cellco 1, Tab 10)
107. A conservation parcel owned by the Wyndham Land Trust is located 0.75 mile west of the Rich Property, but it is landlocked and not accessible to the public. The proposed facilities at any of the proposed sites would not be visible from this parcel. (Cellco 21)
108. Whip antennas, commonly used for emergency services, would be visible from close distances, if placed on the top of the tower. (Tr. 3, pp. 28-29)
109. The following stealth tower design options were evaluated for all the proposed sites and were determined to be imprudent due to cost and increased visibility:
 - a) Windmill – A traditional-style windmill design would require an extension of any of the proposed towers by 30 feet to accommodate the rotating blades. A windmill at heights of 160 to 190 feet would appear out of place on the property. Cellco has never constructed a stealth windmill tower, but estimates it would cost an additional \$75,000. In Vermont, Cellco installed antennas at the 90-foot level of an existing 130-foot electric generating windmill that featured a single oscillating blade.
 - b) Pine Tree – A stealth monopine would work best at Alternate Site B due to the presence of evergreens in the general area. However, it would appear out of place due to the 167-foot height required to accommodate the proposed 160-foot tower and seven feet of simulated branches that would extend above the tower to make it appear tapered. At 167 feet, a stealth monopine would extend above the tree line by 100 feet, silhouetted against the sky, when viewed from the Prospect Street area.
 - c) Silo – A silo design would work best at the Alternate Site A location due to the presence of existing farm buildings. However, the existing buildings are no higher than 40 feet agl and a silo design in this location would require a height of 150 feet and a width of 30 feet. A silo design would feature a steel skin with radio frequency transparent material on the upper portions, behind which antennas could be accommodated at 10-foot increments. A 10-foot dome would be placed on top to make the structure look like a silo. The cost of such a structure would be approximately \$750,000. Cellco has located on or extended other existing silos in Vermont and Connecticut and usually has not gone higher than 100 feet agl, except for a 110-foot silo that was built specifically for telecommunications use in Hamden, Connecticut. (Cellco 1, Tab 10; Cellco 24; Tr. 1, pp. 36-41; Tr. 2, pp. 41-42, 47-49; Tr. 3, pp. 31-35, 56-57, 61-65)



Figure 1: Location of proposed Original, Alternate A, and Alternate B Sites on Rich Farm. (Cellco 29)

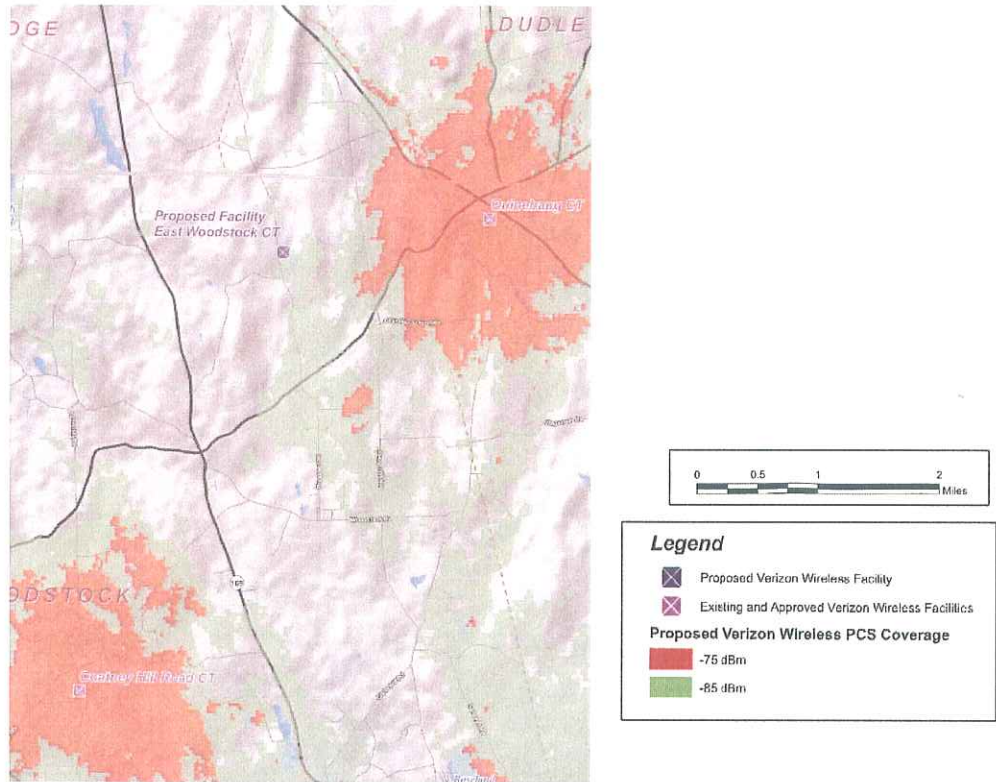


Figure 2: Existing cellular coverage. (Cellco 1, Tab 7)

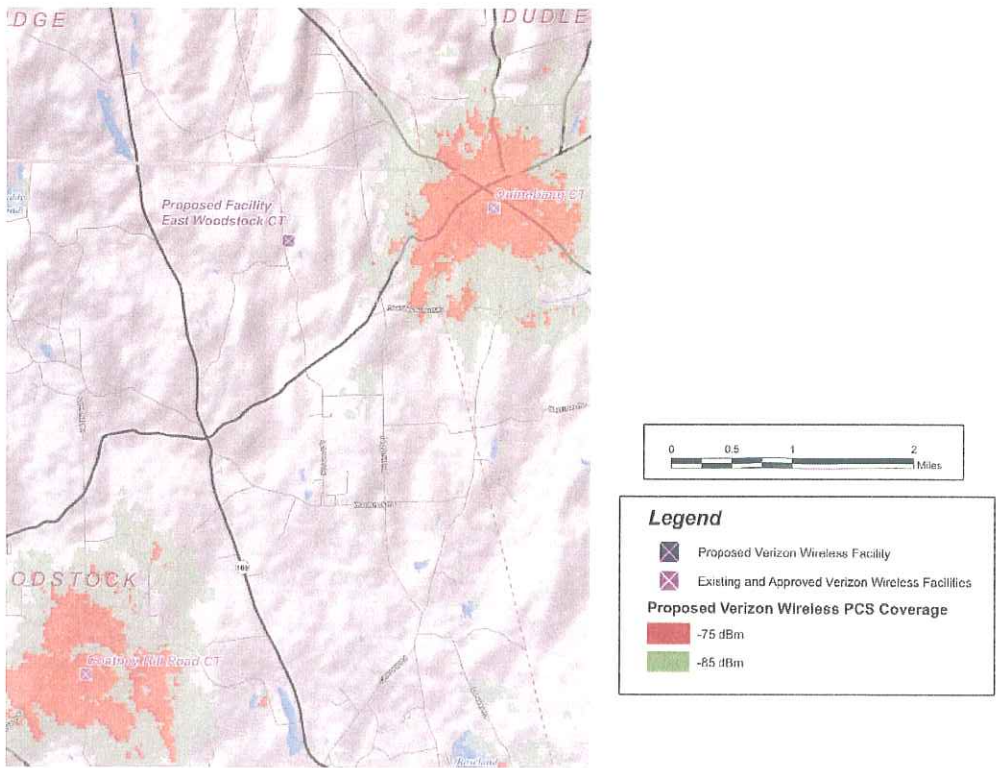


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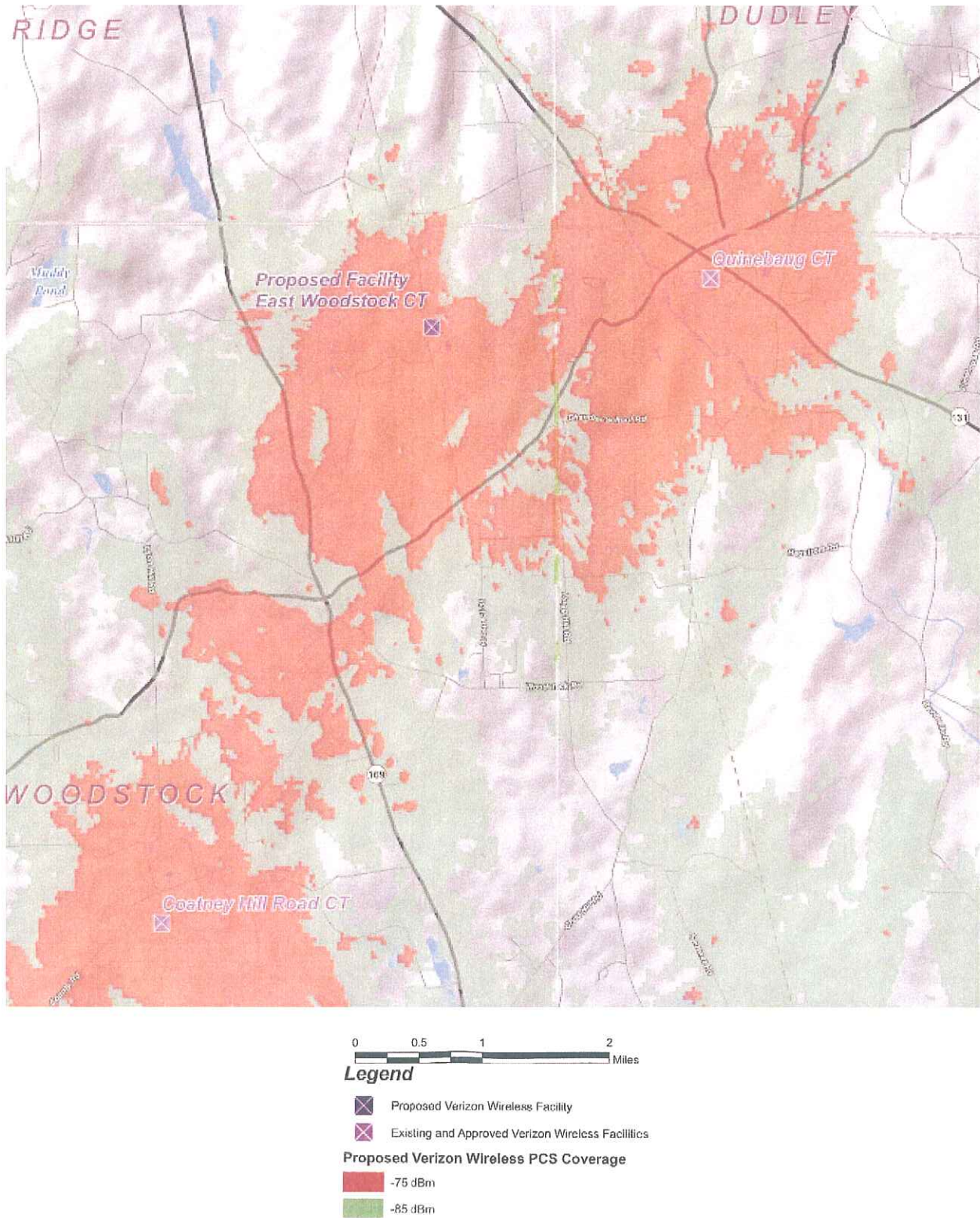


Figure 4: Existing and proposed cellular coverage (Original Site). (Cellco 1, Tab 7)

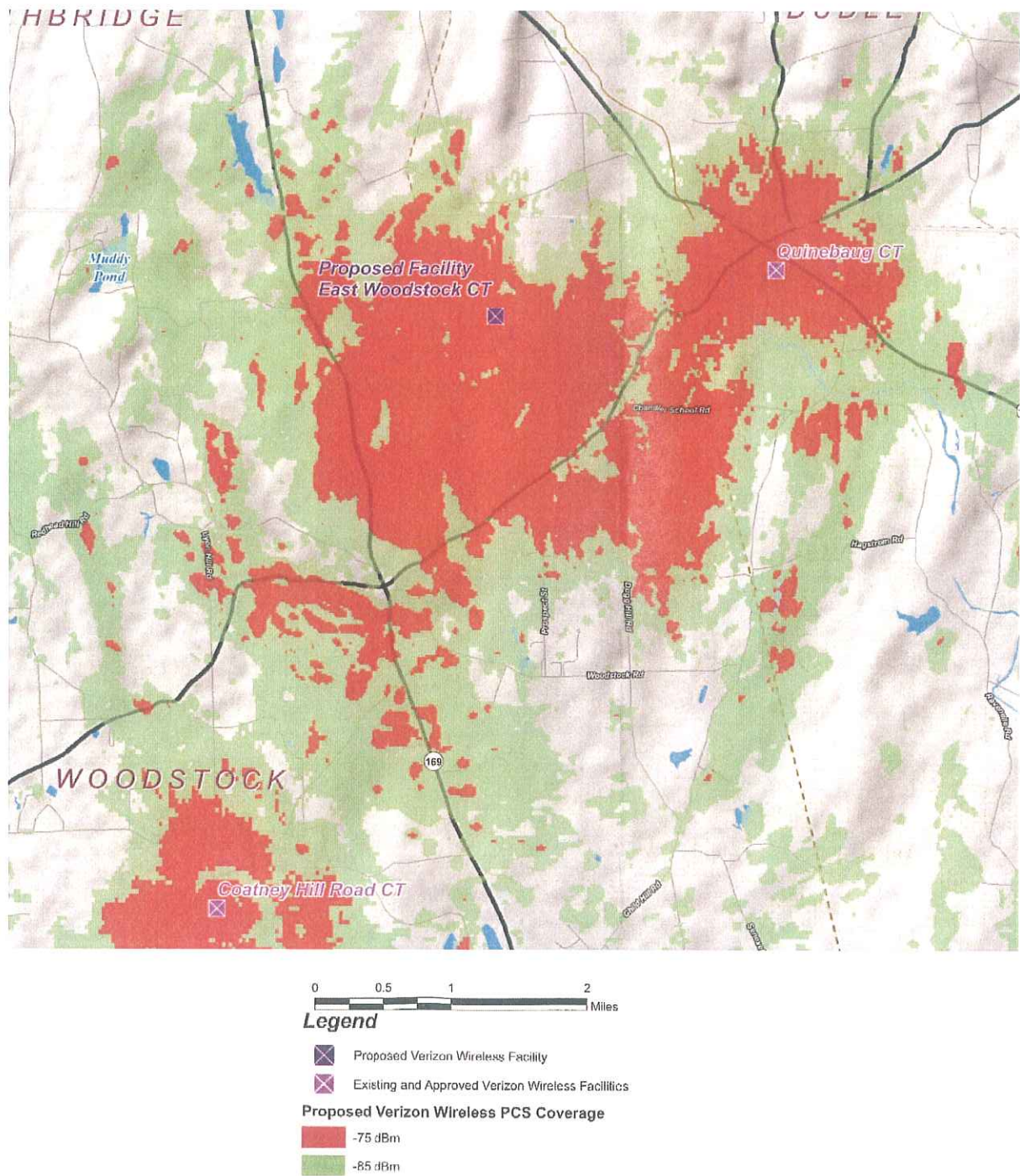
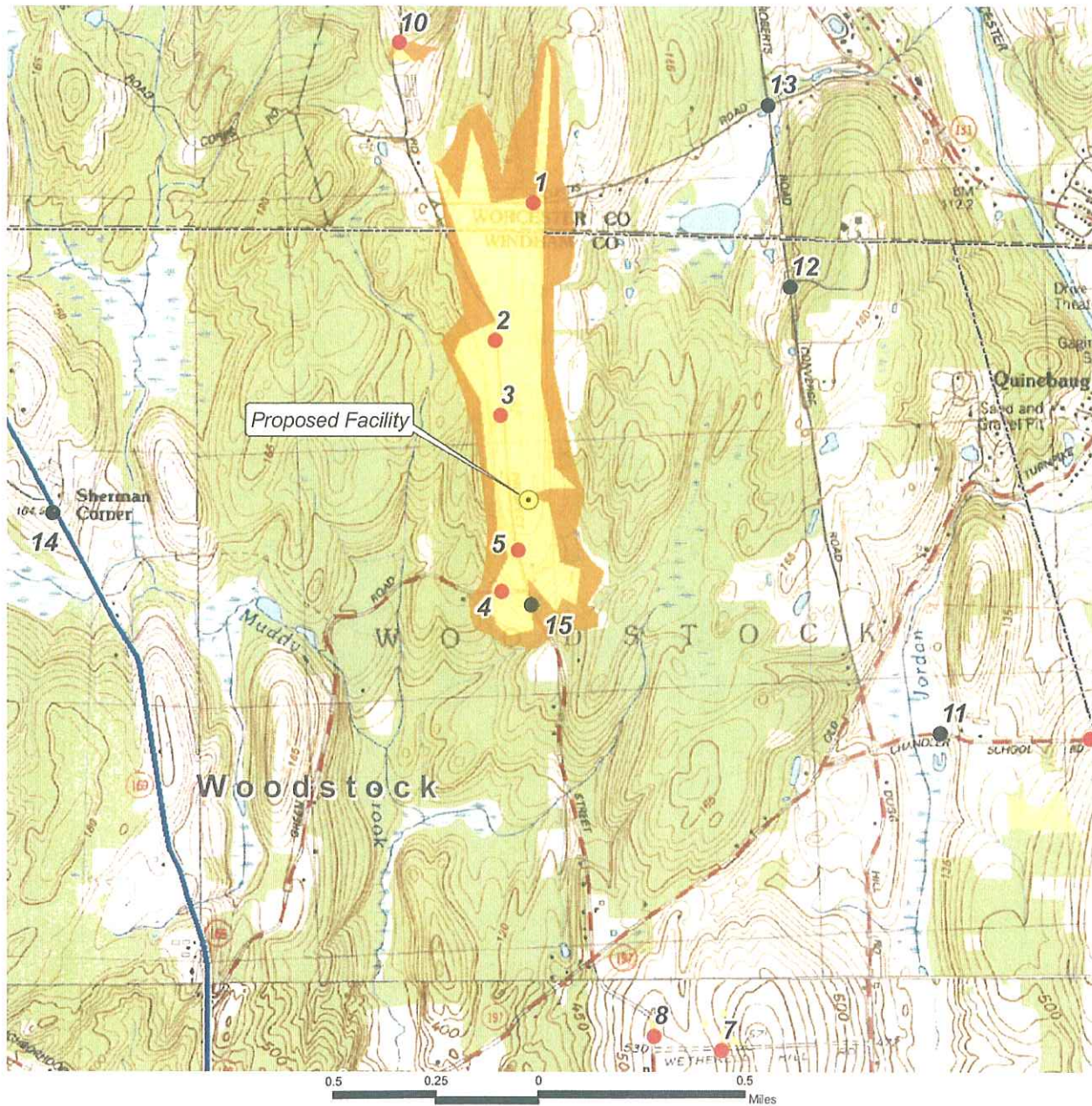


Figure 5: Existing and proposed PCS coverage (Original Site). (Cellco 1, Tab 7)



Legend

-  Proposed Site Location
- Photographs - October 2, 2009
 -  Balloon is not visible
 -  Balloon visible above trees
-  Seasonal Visibility (Approximately 102 acres)
-  Year-Round Visibility (Approximately 167 acres)

Figure 6: Visibility of Original Site. (Cellco 1, Tab 10)

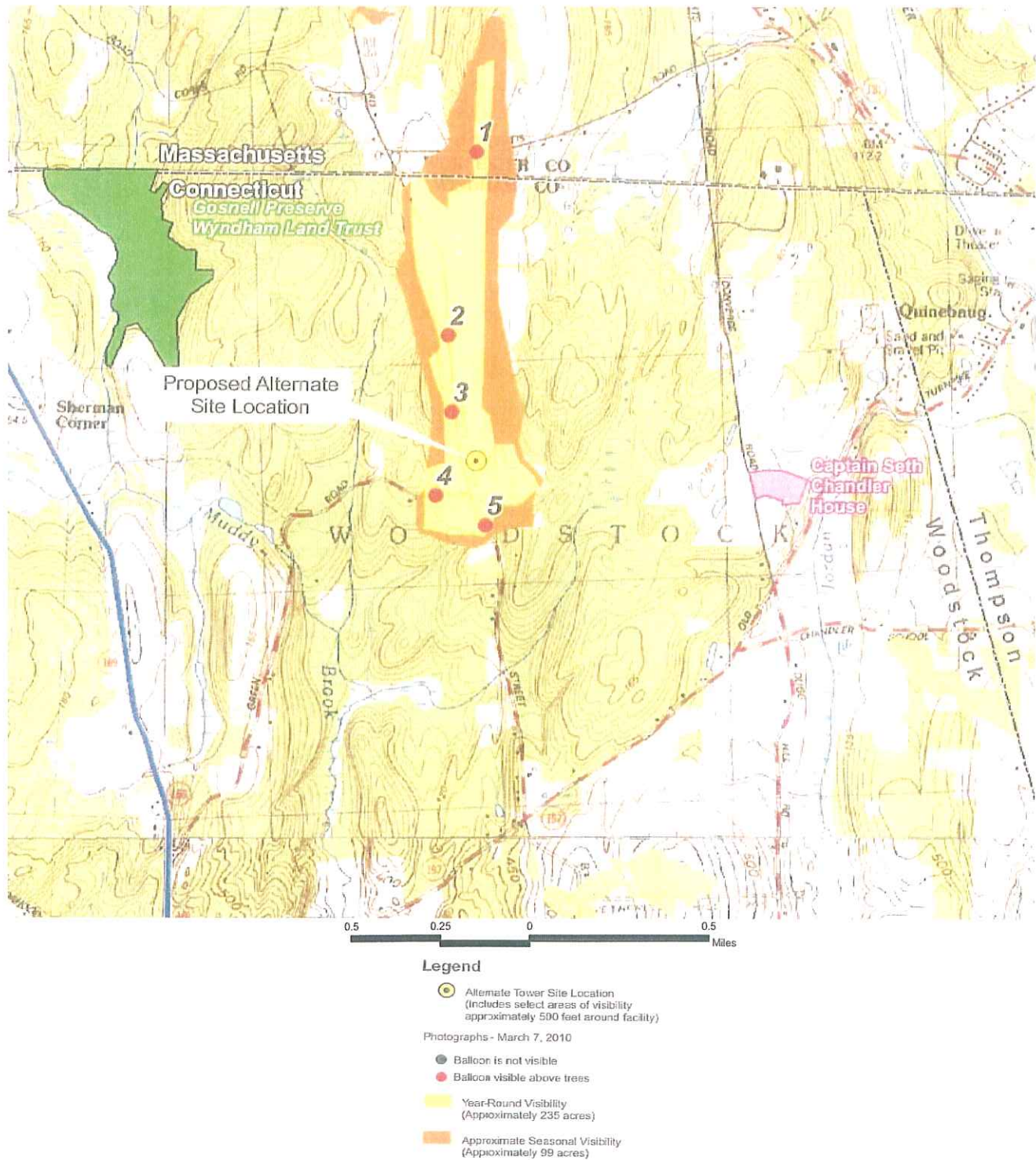


Figure 7: Visibility of Alternate Site A. (Cellco 21)

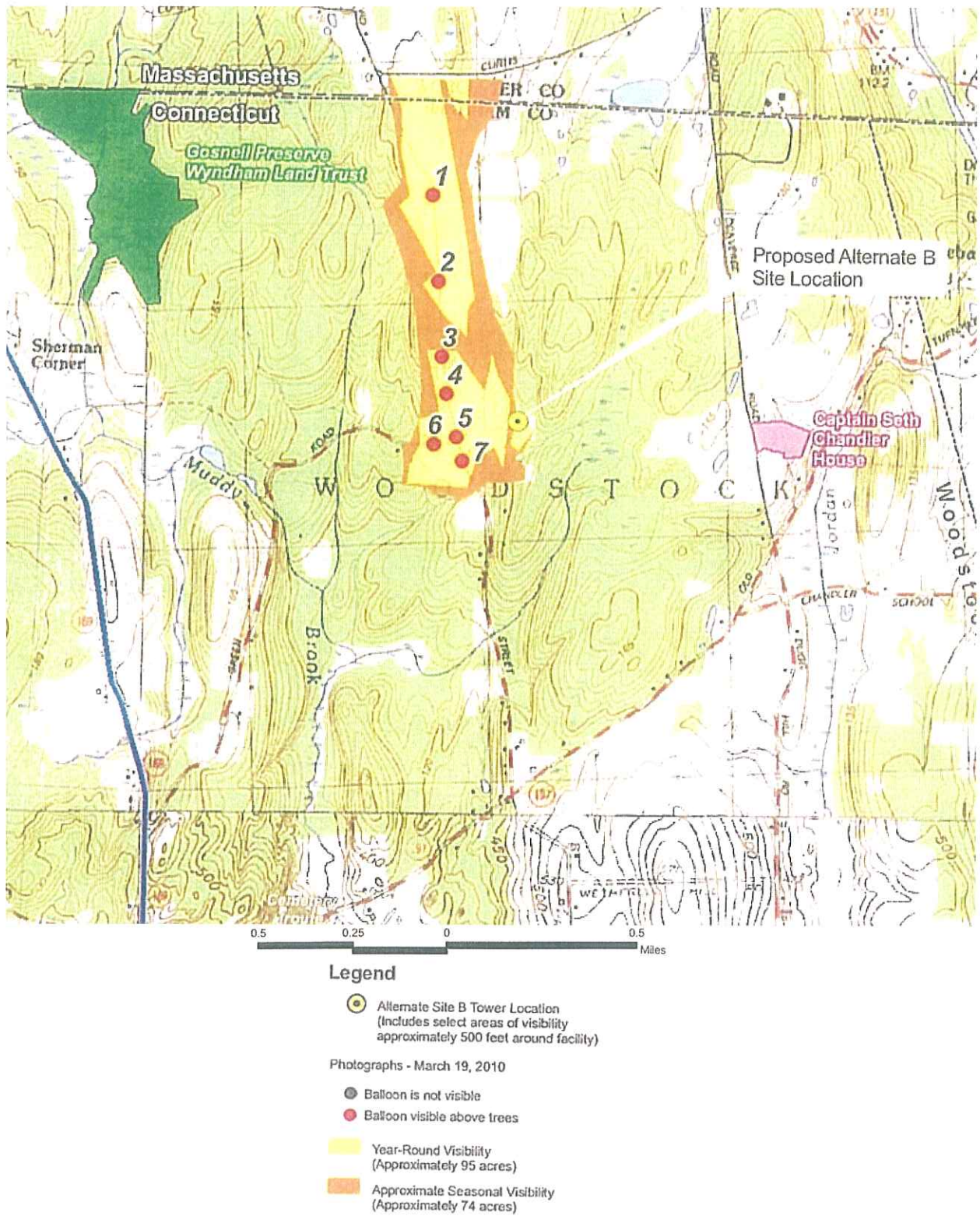


Figure 8: Visibility of Alternate Site B. (Cellco 22)

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Opinion

On December 9, 2009, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) applied to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 445 Prospect Street in Woodstock, Connecticut. The proposed facility would provide wireless service for Cellco to the Route 197 and Route 169 area in the northeast section of Woodstock.

Cellco currently has no reliable, continuous in-building or in-vehicle coverage in northeast Woodstock. To meet coverage objectives, Cellco selected the Rich Farm property at 445 Prospect Street for tower development after conducting a site search and discussing potential locations with the Town. The Rich Farm is a 44-acre parcel containing a residence, two barns and several small outbuildings on the east side of Prospect Street in Woodstock. The farm contains several field areas, woodlands, wetlands and a farm pond. Land use in the surrounding area consists of agricultural, low density residential, and woodland.

Cellco proposes to construct a tower at one of three locations on the Rich Farm parcel. Initially, one site was proposed in the application, referred to as the Original Site. During the course of its proceeding, the Council asked Cellco to investigate other locations on the parcel that may be suitable for telecommunications use. Cellco examined six different areas and submitted two for Council consideration, referred to as Alternate Site A, located adjacent to the farm buildings, and Alternate Site B, located on the eastern portion of the parcel.

The Original Site is located in an active cornfield on the north side of the property, approximately 215 feet east of Prospect Street and 187 feet south of the abutting Kuper Farm. A 130-foot monopole is proposed in this location. Access to the site would be from a new 345-foot gravel drive extending east from Prospect Street. A majority of the abutting Kuper Farm is under deed restriction. Its owners sold their development rights to the State of Connecticut, retaining only the rights to develop a 2.5-acre parcel located immediately north of the proposed Original Site.

Alternate Site A is located immediately north of a barn on the Rich Farm, approximately 150 feet east of Prospect Street and 715 feet south of the Kuper Farm. The nearest property line is 200 feet to the west, owned by a Rich family member. The site is 42 feet lower in elevation than the Original Site and occupies a generally open area with small clusters of trees around the periphery, most of which would be removed by the landlord for property improvements. A 140-foot monopole is proposed in this location to meet coverage objectives. Access to the tower site would be from a new 180-foot gravel drive extending east from Prospect Street.

Alternate Site B is located at edge of a field area in the eastern portion of the Rich Farm property and is 90 feet lower in elevation than the proposed Original Site. The site is approximately 855 feet east of Prospect Street and approximately 965 feet southeast of the Kuper Farm. The nearest property line is 207 feet to the east. A 160-foot tower is proposed in this location to meet coverage objectives. Access would be from an existing 1,300-foot farm road that extends east from Prospect Street. The road would be widened to 12 feet to accommodate construction vehicles.

The Council considered the visibility impacts of all three sites on surrounding receptors and weighed potential methods to mitigate such effects. The surrounding hilly and forested terrain poses severe coverage restraints. More specifically, lowering the height of the proposed towers to reduce the visual profile, even by 10 feet, would have a detrimental impact on coverage reliability at the Route 169/Route 197 intersection in North Woodstock village.

For all three proposed sites, the Council examined various tower stealth applications, including a silo, windmill, and tree tower. Although a silo design would be congruent with the existing farm buildings at Alternate Site A, the required 150-foot height and 30-foot width would make the structure appear out of proportion compared to the existing 40-foot high farm buildings. The Council notes that the tallest silo constructed in Connecticut for telecommunications use is a 110-foot silo in Hamden. A windmill is an unproven stealth design, and preliminary engineering analysis suggests that such a tower would require a significant extension in height to account for rotating windmill blades; therefore, a windmill, like a silo, would appear out of scale with the surroundings. A tree tower design was considered at Alternate Site B due to the more wooded character of the area and the presence of nearby evergreens; however, the Council finds a 160-foot tree tower would also be out of scale with the surroundings, extending up to 100 feet above the tree line. For these reasons, the Council finds none of the sites suitable for a stealth application.

After examining the visibility impacts of all three locations, the Council finds Alternate Site B preferable. It is the most distant from area residences and from the crest of Prospect Street, considered a locally scenic vista. Although a tower at this site would extend 100 feet above the tree line, it would be off to the east, not in the direct line of sight of residences or from the vista. The Original Site and Alternate Site A are too close to Prospect Street, with little to nonexistent screening from area homes or from the vista.

The Council finds that a 160-foot monopole tower with low-profile platforms at Alternate Site B would provide Cellco sufficient coverage to the target service area while allowing the potential for co-location. Cellco would provide space on the tower for no compensation for any municipal emergency service communication antennas, provided such antennas are compatible with the structural integrity of the tower. Such antennas are expected to be 15 to 20-foot whip antennas installed at the top of the tower.

Development of Alternate Site B would require the removal of nine trees and the filling of 2,500 square feet of wetlands along the edge of the existing farm road. The Council finds the wetland impact minimal given that a wetland crossing here already exists and that no endangered, threatened or special concern species were indentified in this area. Development of the site would not impact agricultural soils of statewide importance, unlike the other two sites under consideration.

According to methodology prescribed by the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65E, Edition 97-01 (August 1997), the combined worst case radio frequency power density levels of Cellco's antennas proposed to be installed on the tower have been calculated to amount to 18% of the FCC's Maximum Permissible Exposure, as measured at the base of the tower. This percentage is well below federal and state standards established for the frequencies used by wireless companies. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibits any state or local agency from regulating telecommunications towers on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such towers and equipment comply with FCC's regulations concerning such emissions. If federal or state standards change, the Council will require that the tower be brought into compliance with such standards. The Council will require that the power densities be recalculated in the event other carriers add antennas to the tower.

Based on the record in this proceeding, the Council finds that the effects associated with the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at Alternate Site B, including effects on the natural environment; ecological integrity and balance; public health and safety; scenic, historic, and recreational values; forests and parks; air and water purity; and fish and wildlife are not disproportionate either alone or cumulatively with other effects when compared to need, are not in conflict with policies of the State concerning such effects, and are not sufficient reason to deny this application. Therefore, the Council will issue a Certificate for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 160-foot monopole telecommunications facility at Alternate Site B at 445 Prospect Street in Woodstock, Connecticut. The Council denies certification of the proposed Original Site and proposed Alternate Site A.

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Decision and Order

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that the effects associated with the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility, including effects on the natural environment; ecological integrity and balance; public health and safety; scenic, historic, and recreational values; forests and parks; air and water purity; and fish and wildlife are not disproportionate, either alone or cumulatively with other effects, when compared to need, are not in conflict with the policies of the State concerning such effects, and are not sufficient reason to deny the application, and therefore directs that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, as provided by General Statutes § 16-50k, be issued to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, hereinafter referred to as the Certificate Holder, for a telecommunications facility at Alternate Site B located at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut. The Council denies certification of the Original Site and Alternate Site A also located at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Unless otherwise approved by the Council, the facility shall be constructed, operated, and maintained substantially as specified in the Council's record in this matter, and subject to the following conditions:

1. The tower shall be constructed as a monopole, no taller than necessary to provide the proposed telecommunications services, sufficient to accommodate the antennas of Verizon Wireless and other entities, both public and private, but such tower shall not exceed a height of 160 feet above ground level.
2. The Certificate Holder shall prepare a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this site in compliance with Sections 16-50j-75 through 16-50j-77 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The D&M Plan shall be served on the Town of Woodstock for comment, and all parties and intervenors as listed in the service list, and submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of facility construction and shall include:
 - a) a final site plan(s) of site development to include specifications for the tower, tower foundation, antennas, equipment compound, radio equipment, access road, utility line, and landscaping; and
 - b) construction plans for site clearing, grading, landscaping, water drainage, and erosion and sedimentation controls consistent with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, as amended.
3. Prior to the commencement of operation, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council worst-case modeling of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density of all proposed entities' antennas at the closest point of uncontrolled access to the tower base, consistent with Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin No. 65, August 1997. The Certificate Holder shall ensure a recalculated report of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density be submitted to the Council if and when circumstances in operation cause a change in power density above the levels calculated and provided pursuant to this Decision and Order.

4. Upon the establishment of any new State or federal radio frequency standards applicable to frequencies of this facility, the facility granted herein shall be brought into compliance with such standards.
5. The Certificate Holder shall permit public or private entities to share space on the proposed tower for fair consideration, or shall provide any requesting entity with specific legal, technical, environmental, or economic reasons precluding such tower sharing.
6. The Certificate Holder shall provide reasonable space on the tower for no compensation for any Town of Woodstock public safety services (police, fire and medical services), provided such use can be accommodated and is compatible with the structural integrity of the tower.
7. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed with at least one fully operational wireless telecommunications carrier providing wireless service within eighteen months from the date of the mailing of the Council's Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order (collectively called "Final Decision"), this Decision and Order shall be void, this Certificate shall expire, and the Certificate Holder shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made. The time between the filing and resolution of any appeals of the Council's Final Decision shall not be counted in calculating this deadline. Authority to monitor and modify this schedule, as necessary, is delegated to the Executive Director. The Certificate Holder shall provide written notice to the Executive Director of any schedule changes as soon as is practicable.
8. Any request for extension of the time period referred to in Condition 7 shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this Certificate and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, as listed in the service list, and the Town of Woodstock. Any proposed modifications to this Decision and Order shall likewise be so served.
9. If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year, this Decision and Order shall be void, and the Certificate Holder shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made.
10. Any nonfunctioning antenna, and associated antenna mounting equipment, on this facility shall be removed within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function.
11. In accordance with Section 16-50j-77 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice two weeks prior to the commencement of site construction activities. In addition, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice of the completion of site construction, and the commencement of site operation.
12. The Certificate Holder shall remit timely payments associated with annual assessments and invoices submitted by the Council for expenses attributable to the facility under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v.

13. This Certificate may be transferred in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50k(b), provided both the Certificate Holder\transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. In addition, both the Certificate Holder\transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50p, the Council hereby directs that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order be served on each person listed below, and notice of issuance shall be published in the Norwich Bulletin and Stonebridge Press.

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The parties and intervenors to this proceeding are:

Applicant

Cellco Partnership d/b/a
Verizon Wireless

Its Representative

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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ss. New Britain, Connecticut :

COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order issued by the Connecticut Siting Council, State of Connecticut.

ATTEST:



Linda Roberts
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council

I certify that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order in Docket No. 397 has been forwarded by Certified First Class Return Receipt Requested mail, on September 1, 2010, to all parties and intervenors of record as listed on the attached service list, dated December 9, 2009.

ATTEST:



Jessica Brito-Weston
Secretary I
Connecticut Siting Council



Daniel F. Caruso
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**CERTIFICATE
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED
DOCKET NO. 397**

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50k, as amended, the Connecticut Siting Council hereby issues a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Alternate Site B at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut. This Certificate is issued in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Decision and Order of the Council on August 26, 2010.

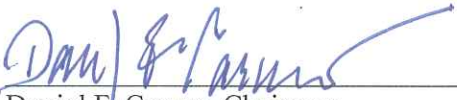


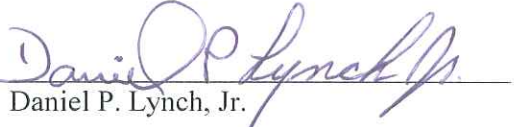
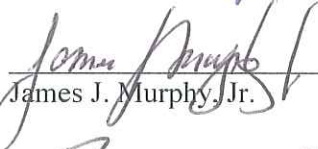
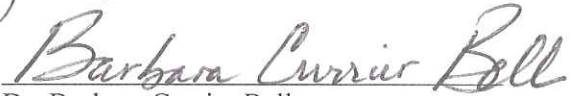
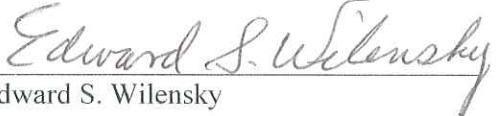
By order of the Council,

August 26, 2010


Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council hereby certify that they have heard this case, or read the record thereof, in **DOCKET NO. 397** - 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 445 Prospect Street Woodstock, Connecticut, and voted as follows to approve proposed Alternate Site B, and deny certification of the proposed Original Site and Alternate Site A:

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Vote Cast</u>
 Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman	Yes
 Colin C. Tait, Vice Chairman	Yes
_____ Commissioner Kevin M. DelGobbo Designee: Larry P. Levesque	Absent
_____ Commissioner Amey Marrella Designee: Brian Golembiewski	Absent
 Philip T. Ashton	Yes
 Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.	Yes
 James J. Murphy, Jr.	Yes
 Dr. Barbara Currier Bell	Yes
 Edward S. Wilensky	Yes

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, August 26, 2010.



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FROM: Jessica Brito-Weston, Secretary I 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 397** - 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 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Please publish the attached notice as soon as possible, but not on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday.

Please send an affidavit of publication and invoice to my attention.

Thank you.

JBW



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NOTICE

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50p (e), the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) announces that, on August 26, 2010, the Council issued Findings of Fact, an Opinion, and a Decision and Order approving an application from Cellco 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 at Alternate Site B at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut. This application record is available for public inspection in the Council's office, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.



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September 1, 2010

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 397** - 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 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

By its Decision and Order dated August 26, 2010, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Alternate Site B at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Enclosed are the Council's Certificate, Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Very truly yours,

Linda Roberts
Executive Director

Enclosures (4)