

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

RE: APPLICATION BY CELLCO
PARTNERSHIP, d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED
FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY
AT 723 LEETES ISLAND ROAD, (MEDLYN
FARM), IN THE TOWN OF BRANFORD,
CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 413

Date: April 11, 2011

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF RAYMOND M. VERGATI

Q1. Please state your name and profession.

A1. Raymond M. Vergati and I am the vice president of operations for HPC Development, LLC ("HPC") with respect to projects in New England. HPC is located at 46 Mill Plain Road, 2nd Floor, Danbury, Connecticut.

Q2. What services does HPC provide?

A2. HPC Development is a full service professional consulting and site development firm servicing the wireless telecommunications, broadband, broadcast, and wind energy industries. With respect to the telecommunications industry, HPC provides management services for site development projects including, but not limited to, locating primary and backup sites for telecommunications facilities within a specified search area; coordinating the site design with A&E firms, radio frequency ("RF") engineers and construction managers; and negotiating lease or option agreements.

Q3. What is your professional background in telecommunications?

A3. I received a B.S. in finance (with a minor in Spanish) from Seton Hall University. I have approximately 14 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. I have managed site development projects for wireless carriers since 2001, including site acquisition, zoning needs and oversight of construction vendors. Since April of 2008, I have managed site acquisition for T-Mobile Northeast LLC (“T-Mobile”) regarding numerous sites in Connecticut.

Q4. What services has HPC provided T-Mobile with respect to the proposed Facility?

A4. T-Mobile retained HPC to perform a search for possible sites within the area of the Town of Branford (“Town”) where Celco Partnership d.b.a. Verizon Wireless (“Verizon”) proposes to locate a telecommunications facility at 723 Leetes Island Road (“Facility”). I assisted in all facets of site acquisition.

Q5. How does T-Mobile conduct a search for possible sites?

A5. T-Mobile searches for a telecommunications facility site in an area based upon the needs of its wireless infrastructure and extensive research of the subject area. T-Mobile looks for possible site candidates in areas in which T-Mobile has identified coverage and/or capacity needs. The area targeted is the geographical location where the installation of a site would, based on general radio frequency engineering and system design standards, likely address the identified problem. T-Mobile’s goal is to

locate sites that will remedy coverage or capacity issues, while resulting in the least environmental impact to the surrounding area.

T-Mobile is sensitive to State and local desires to minimize the construction of new towers, and it does not pursue development of a new facility where an acceptable existing structure can be found. In general, T-Mobile first studies the area in and near the area of need to determine whether any suitable structure exists. If T-Mobile cannot find a structure with appropriate height and structural capabilities, it turns to industrial/commercial areas or individual parcels that have appropriate environmental and land use characteristics. T-Mobile looks for sites that will produce the least amount of environmental impact, if any, on the surrounding area. Ultimately, the suitability of each location depends on whether that location would accommodate the coverage need and whether there would be any negative environmental effects.

Q6. Please describe the search undertaken by T-Mobile for this Facility.

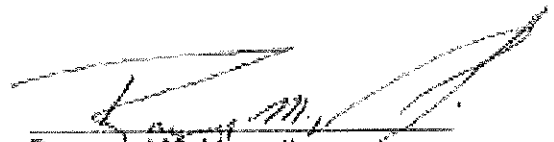
A6. The site search in the area of the Facility began on or about July 10, 2008. The search area radius was approximately 0.5 miles. The site search area was based upon T-Mobile's assessment of the existing coverage in this area of Branford. This radius was used to identify a good starting search area for T-Mobile's site acquisition team to identify candidates which would address the target area. The ring was centered between Route 146 and the Amtrak rail line in Branford, approximately 0.30 miles west of the Route 146 rail line crossing.

Q8. Why did T-Mobile select the site of the proposed Facility over the other candidate sites reviewed by HPC?

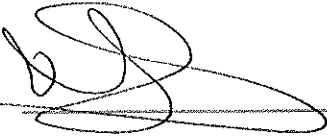
A8. Verizon has proposed to construct the Facility. The Facility would enhance wireless service availability to existing and future T-Mobile wireless device users. Enhanced coverage provided by the Facility would allow T-Mobile subscribers to use voice and data services reliably as well as to connect to Emergency 911 services. The intended coverage area of the proposed Facility would include along Route 146, Old Quarry Road, New Quarry Road, Andrews Road and Inner Circle, as well as the Amtrak rail line that passes through the area and the areas surrounding the site of the proposed Facility.

Q9. Has T-Mobile consulted with municipal officials about the proposed Facility?


A9. Although T-Mobile is not the applicant, T-Mobile has met with representatives of the Town regarding the efficacy of the Facility. On October 8, 2010, T-Mobile representatives attended a meeting with Verizon, AT&T and Town representatives to discuss the Facility. At the meeting, T-Mobile discussed its need to co-locate on the Facility. T-Mobile also met with representatives in 2008 to discuss possible locations for a telecommunications facility in the areas surrounding the Facility.


Raymond M. Vergall

Sworn and subscribed to before me this
11 day of April, 2011.



Notary Public
My Commission expires

 THOMAS J. SHEVLIN
Notary Public, State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires April 30, 2015