

July 26, 2011

via electronic mail

Melanie A. Bachman, Staff Attorney Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

American Tower Corporation's Request to Reopen the Public Hearing for
Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 415 and to Intervene for
the Purposes of Promoting Collocation and Infrastructure Sharing
at 87 West Quasset Road in Woodstock, Connecticut.

Attorney Bachman,

American Tower Corporation (hereafter "American Tower") owns and operates, through its subsidiary American Towers Inc., a telecommunications facility at 87 West Quasset Road, in Woodstock, Connecticut, more particularly known as lots 3 & 4 of block 66, on Woodstock Tax Assessor's Plat Map 6393 (the "Property".) American Tower enjoys a land lease for use, access, and ground rights with the Property's owner via the assignment of a June 1997 lease by the facility's original owner, Tower Sites, Inc. (See Exhibit 1 - Original Land Lease.) In October 2002, American Tower negotiated an important increase in ground rights with the Property owner as well as an extension of the lease term until June 2027. (See Exhibit 2 - First Amendment.)

The above-described telecommunications facility is within the Connecticut Siting Council's (the "Council") jurisdiction and duly recognized in the Council's Database of Approved Telecommunications Sites. Presently, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (the "Applicant"), seeks under Docket Number 415, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility also at 87 West Quasset Road in Woodstock, Connecticut. If approved, such facility would also be under the Council's jurisdiction. On June 16, 2011, the Council requested information from American Tower regarding its existing facility at the West Quasset Road location. American Tower responded to the Council's questions in a letter dated June 27, 2011. (See Exhibit 3 – American Tower Letter.)

Consistent with the objectives of the Connecticut Siting Council and §259 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, American Tower also seeks to prevent the unnecessary proliferation of towers by promoting collocation and infrastructure sharing. American Tower requests that the Council reopen the public hearing for Docket Number 415 and allow American Tower to intervene for the purpose of furthering the above-listed objectives. The risk of deviating from such objectives without reviewing all alternatives is too great in an industry striving to balance need and sensible development with market barriers and public opposition.

### Re: American Tower Corporation's Request to Reopen the Public Hearing for Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 415 and to Intervene

American Tower encourages the Council and the Applicant to re-explore collocation and infrastructure sharing at the Property, especially in light of what American Tower believes is a thematic misunderstanding in the Applicant's Post Hearing Brief. Specifically, that American Tower is unable to obtain necessary property rights at the Property that would allow for, if necessary, redevelopment of the existing telecommunications facility to accommodate the Applicant's equipment. (See Exhibit 4 – Applicant's Post Hearing Brief, p.1, para.2; Id. p.6. para 3.) In fact, nearly 10 years ago, American Tower negotiated a lease amendment with the Property's owner to increase American Tower's effective lease area by 38% and extend the leasehold term through June of 2027. (See Exhibit 2.) The fruits of such amendment empower American Tower to redevelop its existing facility at the Property to support additional telecommunications equipment. Most importantly however, American Tower negotiated a lease amendment with the Applicant in March of 2008 whereby the Applicant committed to installing their equipment on a redeveloped tower at American Tower's existing telecommunications facility at 87 West Quasset Road. (See Exhibit 5 - Amended and Restated Lease Supplement.) Consistent with American Tower's global master lease agreement with the Applicant, the abovedescribed amendment is effective until August of 2020.

American Tower strongly believes in sensible, deliberate, and well coordinated development and redevelopment. Therefore, American Tower generally does not commence permitting and physical site development on speculation. Rather, American Tower prefers to perform initial due diligence, achieve a contractual obligation with at least one (1) customer, and then coordinate development or redevelopment activity with the customer prior to capital investment. In the present case, American Tower has performed critical steps in the due diligence process for this site including, a contractual obligation with the Applicant (See Exhibit 5), the preparation of conceptual construction drawings (See Exhibit 6- Construction Drawings), and communicating with the Town of Woodstock. (See Exhibit 7 - Letter from Town of Woodstock.) To the best of American Tower's knowledge and belief, only the coordination of redevelopment activity with the Applicant remains prior to commencing formal permitting with the Siting Council at American Tower's West Quasset Road facility.

For the forgoing reasons, American Tower Corporation respectfully requests that the Connecticut Siting Council motions to reopen the public hearing for Docket Number 415 and allows American Tower to intervene for the purpose of reviewing this matter with Council members and clarifying what may be a misunderstanding among interested parties.

Please contact me at (781) 926-4737 with any questions.

Sincerely

Brandon Ruotolo, Zoning Attorney American Tower Corporation

#### **EXHIBIT 1**

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#### INDENTURE OF LEASE

THIS INDENTURE made this . I ("day of June, 1997, by and between HAROLD R. BISHOP of the Town of Woodstock, County of Windham and State of Connecticut, hereinafter called the "Lessor", and TOWER SITES. INC., a Connecticut corporation with its principal place of business in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windham and State of Connecticut, hereinafter called the "Lessee", WITNESSETE:

- 1. <u>LEASED PREMISES</u>. The Leaser has leased and does hereby lease unto the Leases the parcel of land located on West Quassett Road in the Town of Woodstook, County of Windham and State of Connecticut, more fully described in <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto.
- 2. TERM OF LEASE. This lease shall be for a term of five (5) years commencing June 1, 1997, and running through May 30, 2002.
- 3. RENT. For the premises described in paragraph 1 above, the Lessee agrees to pay the rent described in Schedule B attached hereto.
- 4. USES OF PREMISES. The Lessee shall utilize the premises for the operation, maintenance, alteration and repair of a communications facility for transmitting and receiving equipment, as Lessee may require limited to the existing tower and facility. Any enlargement of the existing tower to a height in excess of 200 feet; replacement of the existing tower structure, or erection of additional tower structures shall require the written consent of the Lessor. In the event the Lessee desires to make such additions, enlargements or improvements and is unable to obtain the Lessor's consent, after request for the same, then the Lessee may terminate this lesse upon thirty days notice to the Lessor. Upon any such termination, the Lessee will remove all of its personal property and improvements by no later than the effective termination date.
- 5. REPAIR AND ADDITIONS. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Lessee shall be entitled to repair and/or replace its tower and related equipment should the same be damaged or destroyed by natural disaster, or act of god, without the consent of the Lessor. In addition, the Lessee shall be entitled to construct one (1) additional building on the premises, not exceeding ten (10') feet by twenty (20') feet, and upon completion of the same, the monthly rent shall be increased as set forth in Schedule B, hereafter attached.
- 6. PLACE OF PAYMENT. Any payment due from the Lessee to the Lessor under the terms of this Lesse shall be made at the place the Lessor designates from time to time in writing.
- 7. OPTION TO RENEW. The Lessec's right to renew this Lease, if any, is described in Schedule C attached hereto.

- 8. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW. The Lessee shall, at its own expense, and under penalty of forfeiture and damages, promptly comply with all lawful laws, orders, regulations or ordinances of all municipal, county and state authorities affecting the premises herein lessed, including but not limited to the cleanliness, safety, occupation and use of the same.
- 2. TAXES. The Lessor shall pay all property taxes assessed against the land which is the subject of this Lessoe, and the Lessoe shall pay all property taxes assessed by the Town of Woodstock against all improvements, aquipment, and structures placed on the premises by the Lessoe.
- 10. <u>PERSONAL PROPERTY.</u> The equipment and appurtenances thereto, placed on the premises shall be and remain the personal property of the Lessee and upon the termination of said Lease for any purpose, the Lessee shall have full power to enter onto the premises and remove all such personal property including any fixtures of any sort.
- 11. CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION. All materials furnished for any work done on the premises by the Lessee shall be at the Lessee's sole cost and expense. The Lessee agrees to protect the premises and the Lessor from all claims of contractors, laborers, and materialmen, and also agrees to hold the Lessor harmless from any and all claims or demands of third persons for damage to the property or for death of or bodily injury to persons resulting from or arising out of the Lessee's operations in connection with the use of the premises, except when due to the negligence of the Lessor.

The Lessee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless and pay or cause to be paid to the Lessor the full amount of all damages to the property of the Lessor resulting directly or solely from the operations of the Lessee hereunder, and shall indemnify the Lessor and hold the Lessor harmless from and against all claims of any liabilities to third parties for injury to or death of persons, or loss of or damage to property, resulting directly or solely from the operations of the Lessee hereunder.

The Lesses shall maintain and provide proof thereof of a liballity insurance policy during the term of the Lease and provide for notice to the Lessor of any cancellation of said policy.

- 12. <u>SUBLETTING</u>. The Lessor grants to the Lessee a right to sublet portions of the lessed premises to one or more Lessees which sublease may include tower space, ground space or aquipment buildings, utility sheds or structures, and free and complete access from West Quassett Road.
- 13. ASSIGNMENT. The Lessee may fully assign its rights under this Agreement, to third parties, upon written notice to the Lessor. Any assignees will be bound and obligated under all terms and conditions hereof, as if an original party signatory.

- and unpaid or that any other breach of the terms of this Lease occurs on the part of the Lease, the Leason's remedy shall be the remedy or remedies authorized and governed by the Summary Process laws of the State of Connecticut. However, in the event the premises are abandoned, it shall be lawful for the Leason, his cextain actorney, heirs, representatives or assigns to re-enter and repossess the premises and to remove and put out each and every occupant. In the event of default by nonpayment of rent, the Leasee shall have fifteen days from notice of default by the Leason to cure any such default. Both parties recognize that this is a commercial lease and the Leasee waives any requirement for notice to quit. In the event the Leasee or any Sublessee files for protection under the United States Bankruptcy code, then it shall be considered a default. Also a failure to comply with any of the terms of this Lease shall be considered a default. In the event of default the Leason shall have all options available at law or equity.
- 15. EXCLUSIVITY. This Lease shall grant the Leasee exclusive control over the leased premises and the Leason shall not have the right to lease said premises for any other use or to any other party during the term of this Lease.
- 16. EMINENT DOMAIN. If the whole or any part of the leased premises shall be taken by any public authority under the power of eminent domain, the term of this Lease shall cease on the part so taken from the date the possession of that part shall be required for any public purpose, and rent shall be paid up to that day. The Lessor shall not, however, be entitled to any portion of the award to the Lessee for loss of business.
- 17. QUIET ENJOYMENT. Upon performing the foregoing covenants, the Lessor agrees that the Lessoe shall and may peaceably and quietly have, hold and enjoy the lessed premises for the term herein.
- 18. NOTICE. Wherever this Lease requires notice to be served on the Lessor or the Lessee, notice shall be sufficient if mailed by first-class mail with postage fully paid, to the last known address of the party to be served.
- 19. <u>DESCRIPTIVE TERMS</u>. Reference to the Lessor and the Lessee shall include individuals, partnerships, corporations, associations, trustees and any other entity where applicable, and references to the parties in the singular shall be deemed to include the plural where applicable.
- 20. ATTORNEYS FRES. In the event of default by the Lessee the Lessor shall be entitled to recover all costs of collection to include his costs and attorney's fee. It is further recognized that this is a commercial lesse and the costs of collection are the actual out of pocket costs without limitation.

21. BINDING EFFECT. The obligations, responsibilities, benefits and rights of this Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto, and their respective successors, heirs and/or assigns.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence Lessor TOWER President

State of Connecticut

Thompson

County of Windham

of June, 1997, before me / Brian S. Mead, the On this the undersigned officer, personally appeared Harold R. Bishop, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained, as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official sea

Brian S. Mead, Commissioner of the Superior Court

State of Connecticut

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County of Windham

On this the 26k day of June, 1997, before me, Edwin C. Higgins, III, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Fernand E. Phaneuf, Jr., who acknowledged himself to be the President of Towar Sites, Inc., a corporation, and that he as such President, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Edwin C. Higgins, III, Notary Public My Commission Expires: January 15, 1998

#### SCHEDULE A LEASED PROPERTY

A certain tract or parcal of land located on the westerly side of West Quassett Road in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windham and State of Connecticut, bounded and described as follows:

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Being those premises depicted on a plot plan by CME Associates, Inc., Engineers & Planners, Woodstock, Conn. Entitled, "RADIO TOWER SITE PLAN, WEST QUASSETT ROAD, WOODSTOCK, CT., OWNER: HAROLD R. BISHOP, Scale: 1\*w20°, Date 1/17/91.

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### #6290 Bishop, LL Atty: William St. Orge

#### SCHEDULE B RENT

Initial Term: The Lessee shall pay the Lessor an annual rent of in monthly installments of commencing the 2nd day of June, 1997, during the initial five year term of said Lease.

Option Periods: In the event that the Lessee shall exercise the options to renew provided for in Schedule C, the rent shall be renegotiated at the time of the exercise of each option.

Additions: In the event the Lessee exercises its right to construct an additional building as provided in Paragraph 5, then the monthly rent shall be adjusted as follows:

- 1. Commencing as of the month of completion of such building, the rent shall increase to
- 2. Commencing as of anniversary date of the lease, next following the initial rental increase noted above, the monthly rent shall increase by an additional per month, for said yearly period; and then by said amount on each subsequent anniversary date thereafter for the remaining initial term of this lease agreement. See below:
  - Assuming construction in year 1 rent as of month of completion and through remainder of year 1 =
  - 2. Monthly rent in year 2 =
  - 3. Monthly rent in year 3 -
  - 4. Monthly rent in year 4 =
  - 5. Monthly rent in year 5 =

#### SCHEDULE C OPTIONS TO REHEN

The Lessee shall have an option to renew for two additional terms of five (5) years each provided it is not in default in the performance of any of its covenants and obligations under the terms of the Lesse, and it gives the Lessor sixty (60) days written notice of its intention to exercise its option prior to the expiration of the current term. Failure to exercise its option for any five (5) year period will automatically cancel the option for later periods whether or not the Lessee remains in possession.

### EXHIBIT 2

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#### FIRST AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO INDENTURE OF LEASE

This first amendment ("First Amendment") to that certain Indenture of Lease (the "Agreement") dated June 26, 1997 by and between Harold R. Bishop ("Lessor") and Tower Sites, Inc., a Connecticut corporation ("TSI") is made and entered into this 1 - 1 day of 1

#### Recitals

WHEREAS, the size of the leased area is approximately Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty square feet (2,330 s.f.) (the "Premises");

WHEREAS, Lessee desires to increase the size of the Premises;

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement with all extensions is Twenty (20) years and Lessor and Lessor desire to further extend the term;

WHEREAS Lessee and Lessor desire to modify the Rent in consideration thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Lessor and Lessee hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows.

- 1. Strike out Paragraph 2. <u>Term.</u>, in its entirety and substitute in place thereof the following: "2. <u>Term.</u> The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years, commencing on June 1, 2002 (the "Commencement Date") and terminating at midnight on the last day of the calendar month in which the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Commencement Date shall have occurred (the "Term"). This Agreement shall automatically renew for four (4) additional five (5) year terms unless Lessee provides Lessor with written notice of its intention not to renew the Lease at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the Term or any Renewal Term."
- 2. Strike out Paragraph 3. Rent., in its entirety and substitute in place thereof the following: "3. Rent. As consideration for the Term of the Agreement, Lessee shall pay Lessor a monthly fee of commencing on June 1, 2002. Rent shall increase annually by
- 3. Strike out Paragraph 7. Option To Renew., in its entirety.
- 4. Amend paragraph 10. <u>Personal Property</u>, by striking out the phrase ...." The Lessee shall have full power"....."including any fixtures of any sort" and substituting in place thereof the following: "the Lessee shall have full power to enter onto the premises and shall remove all towers, buildings and structures and return the surface of

the land to a reasonable condition within ninety (90) days of the termination of the lease, whether by lapse of time or otherwise."

- 5. Insert the following sentence at the end of Paragraph 11, <u>Claims and Indemnification:</u> "Lessee shall name Lessor as an additional insured on its liability insurance policy."
- 6. Insert the following sentence at the end of paragraph 13, Assignment, as follows: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, if this Agreement is assigned in whole or in part to a new Lessee, except for financing purposes, or to an affiliated company, the new Lessee shall be responsible for filing a surety bond in the amount of with Lessor to guarantee the complete and timely removal of

with Lessor to guarantee the complete and timely removal of all buildings and structures, which bond shall be with a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut."

- 7. The Premises are hereby increased to Three Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty square feet (3,230 s.f.) square feet. At such time as a survey is prepared depicting the expanded Premises, Exhibit A (description of Premises) shall be deleted, and substituted in place thereof will be a new Exhibit A, a copy of which is to be attached hereto and which shall correspond substantially to the original Exhibit A.
- 8. This First Amendment shall become effective only upon satisfaction of receipt by Lessee of a Memorandum of Lease, which has been fully executed by Lessor.
- 9. Add a new Paragraph 23. Posting of Signs., as follows: "23. Posting of Signs. Lessor grants to Lessee the right to install and maintain during the Term of this Agreement identifying signs or other types of signs required by any governmental authority on or along any access road to the Premises, including, if necessary, signs visible from the nearest public street, at locations where an access road diverges, or if an obstruction obscures visibility of the Premises and Improvements. Lessee agrees to minimize the size of such signs as reasonably required for readability and compliance with regulations or directives of any governmental authority."
- 10. Lessor hereby waives and releases Lessee from any default or claim of default under the Agreement (whether or not Lessor has provided notice of default as provided thereunder) arising prior to the date hereof.
- 11. Unless expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement are hereby ratified and affirmed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor and Lessee have executed this Amendment as of the date first written above.

WITNESS

LESSOR:

Harold R. Bishop

WITNESS:

LESSEE:

American Towers, Inc.

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Vice President

Ross W. Rider Senior Vice President/Developement After recording return to: American Towers, Inc. 10 Presidential Way Woburn, MA 01801 Attn: Legal Dept.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF WING

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE
This Memorandum of Lease ("Memorandum") is executed this 1 day of August, 2002, by and between Harold R. Bishop, an individual residing at 150 oct 100 ("Lessor") and American Towers, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a principal place of
business at 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801 ("Lessee") collectively, the "Parties."
WHEREAS, Lessor is the fee simple owner of the real property located at 84 West Quassett Road, Woodstock, White County, Connecticut by virtue of a deed dated and recorded with County Registry of Deeds at Book, Page (the "Property");
WHEREAS, Lessor leased a portion of Lessor's Property to Tower Sites, Inc. ("TSI") by lease dated June 26, 1997;
WHEREAS, TSI assigned all of its right, title and interest in and to the Lease to Lessee by virtue of that certain assignment of lease dated, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;
WHEREAS, the Parties executed a First Amendment and Addendum to Standard Lease Agreement dated August, 2002 (the "First Amendment");
WHEREAS, the Parties desire to execute this Memorandum to provide notice of the Lease, as affected by the First Amendment, in the public records;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Lease, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

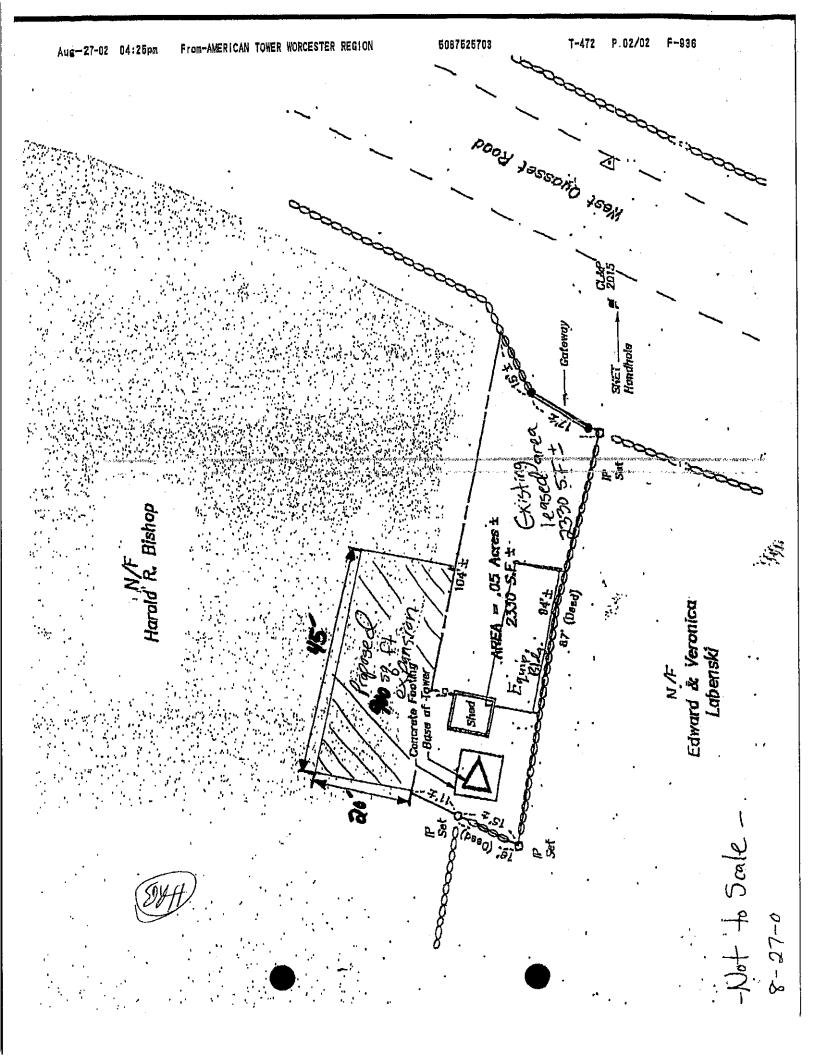
- 1. Lease Term: The Lease commenced on June 1, 2002 (the "Commencement Date") and shall continue for five (5) years, expiring on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the Commencement Date (the "Term"). The Lease shall automatically renew for four (4) additional five (5) year terms, unless Lessee provide Lessor with written notice of its intention not to renew the Lease.
- The property leased to Lessee ("Premises") is a Three Thousand 2. Leased Property: Two Hundred Thirty square foot (3,230 s.f.) parcel of land, more or less, located as presently constructed on Lessor's Property, together with an easement and right-ofway for physical access on foot or by motor vehicles over Lessor's Property and easements for electric and telephone service over Lessor's Property, as shown on Exhibit B attached hereto.

- 3. <u>Use</u>: Lessee may use the Property for the purpose of building, owning, managing, operating and sublicensing a communications facility, including towers, equipment buildings and shelters and related facilities.
- 4. <u>Notice</u>: All notices in connection with this Memorandum shall be made to the addresses of Lessor and Lessee as set forth above, or to such other address as the Parties may provide from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed, sealed and delivered this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

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Harold R. Bishop	Date
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	Date
LESSEE:	
American Towers, Inc.	
By: Con ()	10-23-58
Ross W. Elder, Sr. Vice President	Date
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	On this day, before me appeared Harold R. Bishop, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid Harold R. Bishop and acknowledged said instrument to be his free act and deed.
	WITNESS my hand and official seal,
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<i>ټ</i>	Notary Public My Commission expires:
	COMMONWEALTH OF MAUSACHUSETTS )  SS  COUNTY OF SUFFICE )
	On this day, before me appeared Ross W. Elder, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is a Sr. Vice President of American Towers, Inc., that he knows the seal of said corporation and that he is authorized to execute the aforesaid instrument on behalf of said corporation and said Ross W. Elder acknowledged said instrument to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of said corporation.
	WITNESS my hand and official seal, <u>Oct. 23</u> 2002.
	Notary Public Mary H. Brancey My Commission expires: 8-13-04



Prepared by and return to:
American Tower Corporation
10 Presidential Way
Woburn, MA 01801
Attn: Land Management

Site # 6290, South Woodstock

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THIS CONFIRMATORY MEMORANDUM OF LEASE ("Memorandum of Lease") is executed this 2 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2005 by and between Harold R. Bishop, an individual residing at 84 West Quassett Road, Woodstock, Windham County, Connecticut (hereinafter referred to as "Lessor") and American Tower, L.P., having a principal place of business at 116 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02114 (hereinafter referred to as "Lessee").

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee entered into that certain Memorandum of Lease dated October 11, 2002 giving public notice of said Lease, as affected by the First Amendment and Addendum to Standard Lease dated October 11, 2002, for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining a communications facility and other improvements on the Site (as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein); and

WHEREAS, said Memorandum incorporated the terms of the First Amendment to Site Lease Agreement ("First Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the entity name of Lessee was incorrect on both the First Amendment and the Memorandum of Lesse dated October 11, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the entity name on the First Amendment and the Memorandum should have been American Tower, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee desire to give public notice that the correct entity is American Tower, L.P.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Lease and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Lessor and Lessee hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The terms and conditions of said Lease are incorporated into this Memorandum by reference.
- Premises: Subject to the terms of the Lease, Lessor has leased to Lessee a
  portion of the real property described in Exhibit A attached hereto and
  incorporated herein by reference.
- 3. <u>Term</u>: The Lease is for a Term of five (5) years commencing June 1, 2002 and expiring on May 31, 2007. The Lease shall automatically renew for four (4) additional (5) year terms. (each a "Renewal Term")

4. This Memorandum is not a complete summary of the terms and conditions contained in the Lease. Provisions in the Memorandum shall not be used in interpreting the Lease provisions. In the event of a conflict between this Memorandum and the Lease, the Lease shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Confirmatory Memorandum of Lease by their hands and seals as of the date first written above.

LESSOR:

Harold R. Bishop

Witness:

Signed and Acknowledged in the Presence of:

ignature

Print Name

LESSEE:

American Tower, L.P.

By:

Jason D. Hiršch

Director, Land Management

Signature

STEVEN /

**Print Name** 

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of Connecticut W. U. O.
County of William
On this the day of Fes , 2 cos, before me,
(name of notary), personally appeared  known to me (or eatisfactorily proven) to be the
person(s) whose name(s) (is or are) subscribed to the within instrument and
acknowledged that (he/she/they) executed the same for the purposes therein contained
In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.
Date: 2-9-0/
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Notary Public
Print Name: Will I form
My Commission Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. SO, 2013
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS)
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX ) ss:

Then personally appeared the said, Jason D. Hirsch of ATC Tower Services, Inc, as aforesaid, signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed as Director, Land Management of ATC Tower Services, Inc. and the free act and deed of said corporation, before me.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

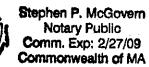


EXHIBIT A

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#### LEASED PROPERTY

A certain tract or parcel of land located on the westerly side of West Quasaett Road in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windham and State of Connectiout, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the ground in the westerly line of West Quassett Road, which iron pin marks the southeasterly corner of the within described tract of land and the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Edward Labenski and Veronica Labenski; thence in a westerly direction along a stone wall and land of said Labenski 94.00 feet, more or less, to an iron pin in the ground at a corner in said wall; thence in a northerly direction along said wall and land of said Labenski 15.00 feet, more or less, to an iron pin in the ground at the end of said wall; thence continuing in a northerly direction along other land of Harold R. Bishop 11.00 feet, more or less, to a corner; thence in an easterly direction along other land of Harold R. Bishop 104.00 feet, more or less, to a point in the westerly line of West Quassett Road and a stone wall; thence in a southwesterly direction along the westerly line of West Quassett Road in a southerly direction along the westerly line of West Quassett Road and a garaway 17.00 feet; more or less, to the end of said wall; thence in a southerly direction along the westerly line of West Quassett Road and a garaway 17.00 feet; more or less, to the point and place of beginning.

Being those premises depicted on a plot plan by CME Associates, Inc., Engineers & Planners, Moodstock, Conn. Entitled, "RADIO TOWER SITE PLAN, WEST-QUASSETT ROAD, WOODSTOCK, CT., OWNER: HAROLD R. BISHOP, Scale: 1"=20', Date 1/17/91.



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MEMORANDUM OF LE LOAN# SOUTH WOODSTOCK US Recordings

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#### **EXHIBIT 3**



June 27, 2011

#### via electronic mail

Melanie A. Bachman Staff Attorney Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

### Re: Response of American Tower Corporation to Connecticut Siting Council's Questions with Regard to Docket No. 415

#### Attorney Bachman,

On Thursday, June 16, 2011, you requested, on behalf of the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), information from American Tower Corporation ("American Tower") regarding our telecommunication facility located at 87 West Quassett Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. American Tower hereby provides the following responses:

#### Question No. 1

When was this tower erected?

#### Response

American Tower's earliest record for this site, a land lease dated April 2, 1991, suggests that Antenna Tower Sites, Inc. put this tower into service in or around 1991.

#### Question No. 2

For what purpose was the tower erected?

#### Response

This tower was originally crected to support FCC-licensed antennas and associated facilities.

#### Question No. 3

What is the height of the facility?

#### Response

This facility stands 140' above grade and 887' above mean sea level.

#### Question No. 4

What are the coordinates of the location of the facility?

#### Response

Latitude

N41° 55' 43.63"

Longitude

W71° 59' 13.33"

#### Question No. 5

What is the route of the access drive to the facility?

#### Response

American Tower enjoys a legal access easement to this facility via a secure driveway off West Quassett Road. (See Exhibit 1.)

#### Question No. 6

What cellular carriers or other communications providers/services have been installed (and removed, if applicable) on the facility or are presently installed on the facility?

#### Response

Presently, equipment owned by Verizon is installed at this facility. Cingular Interactive LP had equipment installed at this site until 2007. AT&T Wireless Services contracted, but never installed at this facility in 2003.

#### Question No. 7

What communications providers/services will remain once Verizon removes its antennas?

#### Response

Verizon is the last active tenant at this facility. Should Verizon not renew its relationship with American Tower at this facility then the tower will be vacant and this location will be marketed to other providers/services.

#### Question No. 8

Does American Tower have a lease with the landowner? If so, when will it expire?

#### Response

Yes. American Tower has a land lease with the landowner. Pursuant to a lease amendment dated October 11, 2002, the land owner granted American Tower an exclusive five (5) year land lease beginning June 1, 2002 with four (4) additional, successive, and automatically renewable five (5) year terms. Therefore, unless American Tower or its assigns provides the landowner with written notice of an intention not to renew any term, American Tower has lease rights at this property through May 31, 2027. American Tower has not provided the landowner with a written notice of an intention not to renew. (See Exhibit 2.)

#### Question No. 9

Does American Tower have any plans for this tower for the future (i.e. dismantle it, new installations)?

#### Response

Yes. This tower is an asset and American Tower intends on marketing this location as a telecommunications transmission facility in the Woodstock area. This includes public, private, and commercial customers. American Tower has no immediate plans to dismantle this tower. Rather, American Tower will evaluate the equipment needs of potential customer's at this site and where feasible, affix, secure, modify, or redevelop existing infrastructure to support customer equipment needs. (See Exhibit 3.)

#### Question No. 10

Would it be possible to improve the structural integrity of the tower to support Verizon, another carrier, or other communications providers/services?

#### Response

Yes. Depending upon equipment requirements and the results of a structural analysis, American Tower could seek to improve the structural integrity of this tower or perform a drop and swap whereby a new monopole, of equal height, could be erected to support the equipment loading of Verizon, another carrier, or other communication providers/services. (Id.)

Please contact me at (781) 926-4737 with additional questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brandon Ruotolo, Zoning Attorney American Tower Corporation

#### **EXHIBIT 4**

## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL DOCKET NO. 415

IN THE MATTER OF:

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 87 WEST QUASSET ROAD, WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT

#### APPLICANT'S POST-HEARING BRIEF

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") established its existing Woodstock Facility in 1991. The existing facility consists of two omni-directional whip antennas located at the top of an existing 150-foot narrow profile lattice tower, owned by American Tower Corporation ("ATC"). The ATC tower is located in the southeast corner of a 29.5 acre parcel at 87 West Quasset Road in Woodstock, Connecticut. ("Property"). Cellco's radio equipment is located in a 12' x 20' shelter located near the base of the ATC tower.

Cellco's omni-directional whip antennas on the ATC tower currently provide wireless service, at cellular (850 MHz) frequencies only, along portions of Route 169, Route 171 and local roads as well as residential, agricultural and commercial areas in southeast Woodstock. The existing Woodstock Facility is Cellco's only non-sectorized cell site in the State of Connecticut. As a consequence, Cellco cannot provide its customers with a full array of wireless services, in all of its FCC licensed frequencies, from this existing cell site. The ATC tower is not structurally capable of supporting Cellco's typical three-sector antenna array and would need to be replaced with a more traditional monopole structure to accommodate Cellco's needs. Unfortunately, ATC was unable to obtain all of the necessary property rights that would allow it to rebuild the tower in or near its current location.

In 2009, Cellco began its own search for an alternative cell site location as a replacement for the ATC tower. After investigating several alternative locations, including two municipal properties, Cellco was able to lease a 100' x 100' parcel in the central portion of the Property.

The new replacement facility will allow Cellco to improve wireless service and utilize all of its

FCC licensed frequencies in southeast Woodstock.

On January 28, 2011, Cellco filed an application ("Application") with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") for a Certificate of Environmental Capability and Public Need ("Certificate") to construct the new Woodstock Facility. If the Application is approved, Cellco would remove its antennas from the ATC tower and remove its existing shelter from the Property.

#### Replacement Facility Description

The new Woodstock Facility would consist of a 150-foot monopole tower within a 50' x 50' compound in the central portion of the Property. Cellco would install fifteen (15) panel-type antennas at a centerline height of 147 feet above ground level. The top of Cellco's antennas would not extend above the top of the tower. Cellco would also install a 12' x 24' shelter in the compound area to house its radio equipment and a diesel-fueled back-up generator. Access to the new Woodstock Facility would extend from Quasset Hill Road along portions of an existing dirt and gravel farm road on the Property, a distance of approximately 1,465 feet.

#### Public Need

Cellco currently provides wireless service, at cellular frequencies only, along portions of Routes 169 and 171 and local roads, as well as residential, agricultural and commercial areas in southeast Woodstock. Cellco needs to sectorize its Woodstock Facility in order to improve its existing cellular service in the area and provide wireless services in its PCS (1900 MHz) and LTE (700 MHz) frequency ranges. The new Woodstock Facility would provide Cellco with an opportunity to do just that.

From the new Woodstock Facility, Cellco will provide reliable wireless service to a 3.5 mile portion of Route 171, a 3.6 mile portion of Route 169 and an overall area of 14.8 square miles at 850 MHz frequencies; a 2.3 mile portion of Route 171, a 3.0 mile portion of Route 169, and an overall area of 7.5 square miles at 1900 MHz frequencies; and a 3.6 mile portion of Route 171, a 3.7 mile portion of Route 169, and an overall area of 15.6 square miles at 700 MHz frequencies.

#### Nature of Probable Impacts

The new Woodstock Facility will have <u>no effect</u> on historic, architectural or archeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The new Woodstock Facility will not adversely impact federally listed, threatened or endangered species or State species of special concern. The access driveway will need to cross an existing drainage ditch approximately 75 feet south of the facility compound resulting in minimal (approximately 500 square feet) impact to this intermittent watercourse. The new Woodstock Facility is not considered to be an obstruction or hazard to air navigation and, therefore, will not require any FAA marking or lighting. Lastly, the facility will operate well within FCC safety limits for radio frequency emissions.

The overall area where some portion of the new Woodstock Facility tower would be visible year round (above the tree line), would be limited to 179 acres, approximately 2.2 percent of the two mile radius study area (8,042 acres). Areas where seasonal views are anticipated comprise an additional 205 acres. Most of these areas are located in open agricultural fields to the west of the facility location.

#### Public Input

Cellco and Woodstock Town officials, including the Town's Telecommunications Task

Force, have been discussing the relocation of the Woodstock Facility since the Fall of 2007, during
the pre-application process for Cellco's Sherman Road facility (Docket No. 369) and worked with
Town officials in its efforts to find an alternative location for the replacement facility.

Cellco formally commenced its local input process for the relocation of the Woodstock Facility by meeting with the Woodstock First Selectman Alan Walker on September 17, 2010. On October 25, 2010, Cellco representatives appeared before the Woodstock Telecommunications

Task Force to discuss the Woodstock Facility relocation proposal. Neither the First Selectman nor the Telecommunications Task Force expressed any concern or opposition to the relocation plan.

#### Conclusion

The unrefuted evidence in the record clearly demonstrates that there is a need for improved wireless service in southeast Woodstock and that the relocated Woodstock Facility will satisfy that need. In addition, the environmental effects associated with the new Woodstock Facility would be minimal when balanced against its overall public benefits. Therefore, the Council should approve the Application as submitted.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

On January 28, 2011, Cellco filed with the Council an Application for a Certificate, pursuant to Sections 16-50g et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes ("Conn. Gen. Stat."), for the construction, maintenance and operation of a new wireless telecommunications facility at the Property. (Cellco Exhibit 1 ("Cellco 1")). The new Woodstock Facility would replace Cellco's existing telecommunications facility located on the Property, approximately 710 feet to the southeast. Cellco's existing facility consists of two omni-directional whip antennas at the top of a 150-foot narrow profile lattice tower owned by ATC and a 12' x 20' equipment shelter. (Cellco 1, pp. 2-3). Cellco's existing facility provides wireless service, at cellular frequencies only, along portions of Routes 171 and 169, and local roads as well as residential, agricultural and commercial areas in southeast Woodstock. The existing ATC tower is not structurally capable of supporting Cellco's full array of cellular, PCS and LTE antennas. The new Woodstock Facility would allow Cellco to provide high-quality, uninterrupted and reliable wireless telecommunications service in each of its existing operating frequencies consistent with its Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") license and meet the demands of its wireless telecommunications customers in the area. (Cellco 1).

#### II. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Council conducted an evidentiary and public hearing on the Application on May 26, 2011. (May 26, 2011 Transcript (afternoon) ("Tr.1") p. 2; May 26, 2011 Transcript (evening) ("Tr.2") p. 2). Prior to the afternoon session of the hearing, the Council and its staff visited the Property. At the Council's request, Cellco caused a balloon with a diameter of approximately four (4) feet to be flown at the proposed tower location, at 150 feet above ground level ("AGL") during the site visit. (Cellco 1, p. 14; Tr.2, pp. 3-4).

This Post-Hearing Brief and attached Proposed Findings of Fact are filed on behalf of the Applicant pursuant to Section 16-50j-31 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("R.C.S.A.") and the Council's directives. (Tr.2, p. 5). This brief evaluates the Application in light of the review criteria set forth in Section 16-50p of the Connecticut General Statutes and addresses several other issues raised throughout the course of this proceeding.

#### III. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

### A. Pre-Application History

Cellco is licensed to provide wireless services in the 850 MHz (cellular), 1900 MHz (PCS) and 700 MHz (LTE) frequency ranges throughout Connecticut including the Town of Woodstock Cellco established its existing Woodstock Facility in 1991. This facility consists of two omnidirectional whip antennas at the top of a 150-foot narrow profile lattice tower owned by ATC and a 12' x 20' shelter all located in the southeast corner of the Property. Cellco's whip antennas provide reliable service to portions of southeast Woodstock at cellular frequencies only. Cellco is the only carrier on the ATC tower. The ATC tower is not structurally capable of supporting the installation of Cellco's standard sectorized antenna array and associated cables. (Cellco 1, pp. 2-3 and 10-11; Tr.1, pp. 35-37).

To utilize the existing facility location, ATC would need to replace the existing tower with a new monopole or lattice structure. ATC could not, however, obtain the necessary property rights needed to construct a new tower and expand the existing facility compound. (Cellco 1, pp. 10-11). In 2009, Cellco commenced its own site search effort to identify potential alternative locations for a replacement tower. Cellco explored the use of several privately owned parcels and two municipal parcels before ultimately signing a leased to use a 100' x 100' portion of the Property

approximately 710' northwest of the ATC tower. (Cellco 1, Tab 8). The proposed relocated Woodstock Facility would allow Cellco to provide improved cellular service and new PCS and LTE service in southeast Woodstock between its existing Coatney Hill and Pomfret East cell sites. (Cellco 1, pp. 1-2 and 10-11, Tab 6).

#### B. Local Contacts

Cellco and Woodstock Town officials, including the Telecommunications Task Force, have been discussing the need to rebuild the existing Woodstock Facility since the Fall of 2007. This issue remained a topic of discussion during the Council's review of Cellco's Sherman Road facility (Docket No. 369) and Prospect Avenue facility (Docket No. 397) applications. Cellco worked with Town officials in its effort to find alternative locations for a replacement tower including the consideration of municipal parcels in the area.

On September 17, 2010, Cellco representatives met with Woodstock First Selectman Alan Walker to commence the local input process for the relocation of its Woodstock Facility. (Cellco 1, pp. 19-20; Cellco 3). At this meeting, Mr. Walker received copies of technical information summarizing Cellco's plans to relocate the existing telecommunications facility at the Property (the "Technical Report"). On October 25, 2010, Cellco representatives appeared before the Woodstock Telecommunications Task Force to describe its proposal and answer any questions. (Cellco 1, pp. 19-20, Tab 8; Cellco 3).

### C. Tower Sharing

Consistent with its practice, Cellco regularly explores opportunities to share its facilities with other wireless service providers. To date, no other wireless carrier has expressed any interest in the proposed replacement tower. During the course of its meetings with the First Selectman and

the Telecommunications Task Force, Cellco also agreed to provide access to the tower, at no cost, to any of the Town's local emergency service providers interested in sharing the tower. Cellco would also make ground space in the facility compound available, if needed. (Cellco 1, p. 11; Tr.1, p. 17).

### D. The Woodstock Facility Proposal

The new Woodstock Facility would be located within a 50' x 50' fenced compound (100'x 100' leased area) in the central portion of a 29.5 acre parcel owned by Quasset Hill Farm LLC. (Cellco 1, Tab 1). Cellco would construct a 150-foot tall monopole tower and install fifteen (15) panel-type antennas – six (6) cellular, six (6) PCS and three (3) LTE – with their centerline at 147 feet above the finished grade of the site compound. Cellco's antennas would not extend above the top of the proposed tower. (Cellco 1, pp. 2-3, Tab 1).

Cellco would install a 12' x 24' single-story shelter near the base of the tower to house its receiving, transmitting, switching, processing and performance monitoring equipment and the required heating and cooling equipment. A diesel-fueled back-up generator would be installed within a segregated room in Cellco's shelter for use during power outages and periodically for maintenance purposes. The tower and equipment shelter would be surrounded by an 8-foot high security fence and gate. Vehicular access to the relocated Woodstock Facility would extend from Quasset Hill Road over an existing gravel farm road to the cell site a distance of 1,465 feet. Utilities would extend underground from existing service along West Quasset Road. (Cellco 1, p. 3, Tab 1).

### IV. THE APPLICATION SATISFIES THE CRITERIA OF CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16-50P FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED

Section 16-50p of the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act ("PUESA"), Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50g et seq., sets forth the criteria for Council decisions in Certificate proceedings and states, in pertinent part:

In a certification proceeding, the council shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, limitations or modifications of the construction or operation of the facility as the council may deem appropriate... The council shall file, with its order, an opinion stating in full its reasons for the decision. The council shall not grant a certificate, either as proposed or as modified by the council, unless it shall find and determine: (1) A public need for the facility and the basis of the need; (2) the nature of the probable environmental impact, including a specification of every significant adverse effect, whether alone or cumulatively with other effects, on, and conflict with the policies of the state concerning the natural environment, ecological balance, public health and safety, scenic, historic and recreational values, forests and parks, air and water purity and fish and wildlife; (3) why the adverse effects or conflicts referred to in subdivision (2) of this subsection are not sufficient reason to deny the application...

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p(a).

Under Section 16-50p, the Applicant must satisfy two key criteria in order for the Application to be approved and for a Certificate to issue. First, the Applicant must demonstrate that there is a "public need for the facility." Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p(a)(1). Second, the Applicant must identify "the nature of the probable environmental impact" of the proposed facility through review of the numerous elements specified in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p(a)(2), and then demonstrate that these impacts "are not sufficient reason to deny the application." Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p(a)(3). The evidence in the record for this docket establishes that the above criteria have been satisfied and that the Applicant is entitled to a Certificate.

### A. A Public Need Exists for the Woodstock Facility

The first step in the review of the pending Application addresses the public need for the proposed facility. As noted in the Application, the FCC in its Report and Order released on May 4, 1981 (FCC Docket No. 79-318) recognized a public need on a national basis for technical improvement, wide area coverage, high quality and a degree of competition in mobile telephone service. The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Telecommunications Act") emphasized and expanded on these aspects of the FCC's 1981 decision. Among other things, the Telecommunications Act recognized an important nationwide public need for high quality personal wireless telecommunications services of all varieties. The Telecommunications Act also expressly promotes competition and seeks to reduce regulation in all aspects of the telecommunications industry in order to foster lower prices for consumers and to encourage the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies. More recently, President Barak Obama issued Presidential Proclamation 8460, in which "cellular phone towers" were identified as critical infrastructure vital to national security. (Cellco 1; Council Adm. Notice 8 and 38).

Cellco cannot, due to structural limitations of the existing ATC tower, install its standard array of cellular, PCS and LTE antennas at this site. Cellco, therefore, experiences significant gaps in wireless service at PCS frequencies in southeast Woodstock between its existing Coatney Hill and Pomfret East cell sites<sup>1</sup>. (Cellco 1, Tab 6). These existing service problems must be resolved in order for Cellco to continue to provide high-quality, uninterrupted and reliable wireless telecommunications service consistent with its FCC license and to meet the demands of its wireless

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cellco provides both cellular and PCS service from its existing Coatney Hill and East Pomfret cell sites, both of which currently interact, at cellular frequencies, with Cellco's Woodstock Facility.

telecommunications customers. The relocated Woodstock Facility described above would provide for enhanced cellular coverage and much needed PCS and LTE coverage along Routes 171 and 169 and local roads, as well as residential, agricultural and commercial areas in southeast Woodstock. (Cellco 1, Tab 6).

As the Council is aware, Cellco holds licenses to provide cellular, PCS and LTE services throughout Connecticut and proposes to operate these frequencies at the relocated Woodstock Facility. (Cellco 1). The cellular, PCS and LTE services Cellco plans to deploy, operate at different frequencies, and will allow customers to use the same cell site for voice and/or data services. By enhancing its existing cellular service and installing PCS and LTE antennas at the Woodstock Facility, Cellco can ensure that it has more capacity available to meet the growing demand of its customers for wireless voice and data services. (Cellco 1).

The record contains ample, written evidence and testimony that a 150-foot tower at the Property would allow Cellco to achieve and maintain high quality wireless telecommunications service at cellular, PCS and LTE frequencies without interruption from dropped calls and interference. (Cellco 1; Cellco 4, Q. 7; Tr.1 pp. 26-27). The new Woodstock Facility would be incorporated into a network design plan, intended to provide Cellco customers with reliable wireless service along Routes 171 and 169 and local roads, as well as residential, agricultural and commercial areas in southeast Woodstock. (Cellco 1).

### B. Nature of Probable Impacts

The second step in the statutory review procedure addresses the probable environmental impacts of the proposed facility and particularly the following factors:

### 1. Natural Environment and Ecological Balance

The proposed relocation of Cellco's existing Woodstock Facility has eliminated, to the extent possible, impacts on the natural environment. All Woodstock Facility improvements would be located within a 50' x 50' site compound. Access to the new Woodstock Facility would extend from Quasset Hill Road a total distance of approximately 1,465 feet to the cell site, utilizing an existing farm road on the Property. (Cellco 1, Tab 1). Minimal grading (93 cubic yards of fill and 510 cubic yards of cut) would be required to improve the site compound and access driveway. (Cellco 1, Tab 1; Cellco 4.a., Q. 4). Construction of the site compound will require clearing of only 11 trees with a diameter at breast height of 6" or greater. Improvements to the existing farm road and utility easement will not require the removal of any additional trees. (Cellco 1, Tab 1). Overall, the limited construction activity would have a negligible environmental impact on the Property. No evidence to refute this conclusion was presented to the Council.

### 2. Public Health and Safety

Cellco has considered several factors in determining that the nature and extent of potential public health and safety impacts resulting from installation of the proposed facility would be minimal or nonexistent.

First, the potential for the new Woodstock Facility tower to fall does not pose an unreasonable risk to health and safety. The proposed tower would be designed and built to meet Electronic Industries Association EIA/TIA-222-F Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Support Structures. Other than Cellco's proposed equipment shelter, there are no structures within the 150-foot fall radius of the tower. The fall radius of the tower would remain entirely within the

limits of the Property. The nearest off-site residence is located approximately 820 feet to the southeast of the new Woodstock Facility tower location. (Cellco 1, Tab 1).

Second, worst-case potential public exposure to RF power density for operation of Cellco's cellular, PCS and LTE antennas at the proposed Woodstock Facility at the nearest point of uncontrolled access (the base of the tower) would be 17.44% of the FCC standard. Power density levels would drop off rapidly as distance from the tower increases. (Cellco 1, p. 15, Tab 1, p. 8, Tab 11).

Overall, the nature and extent of potential, adverse public health and safety impacts resulting from construction and installation of the new Woodstock Facility would be minimal or nonexistent. No evidence to refute this conclusion was presented to the Council.

#### 3. Scenic Values

As noted in the Application, the primary impact of any tower is visual. Cellco's site search methodology, described in the Site Search Summary, is designed in large part to minimize such visual impacts. As discussed above, wherever feasible, Cellco avoids construction of a new tower by first attempting to identify existing towers or other tall non-tower structures in or near the search area. Cellco currently maintains antennas on two (2) existing towers within four miles of the proposed Woodstock Facility. No existing non-tower structures of suitable height exist in southeast Woodstock that would satisfy Cellco's objectives. (Cellco 1, Tab 8).

If it determines that a new tower must be constructed, or, as in this case, an existing tower needs to be reconstructed, Cellco attempts to identify sites where the construction of a tower would not be inconsistent with area land uses and where the visual impact of the site would be reduced to

the greatest extent possible. Cellco explored the use of several alternative sites in the area including two municipal parcels and more remote portions of the Property. (Cellco 1, Tab 8).

The Property and the surrounding area are largely undeveloped and used primarily for agricultural purposes. The Woodstock Facility, in the central portion of a 29.5 acre parcel, is adequately buffered from all adjacent properties and nearby residences. There are only three (3) residences within 1,000 feet of the relocated Woodstock Facility. (Cellco 1, pp. iii, Tab 1, p. 3, Tab 9; Tr.1, pp. 10-11).

Cellco submitted a Visual Resource Evaluation Report prepared by VHB Inc. ("VHB Report") as a part of the Application. Prior to preparing its report, VHB conducted a balloon float at the Property and field reconnaissance to assess visibility of the relocated Woodstock Facility. VHB determined that the relocated Woodstock Facility tower would be partially visible above the tree canopy from only approximately 179 acres, approximately 2.2 percent of the two mile radius (8,042-acre) study area. Areas where seasonal views are anticipated comprise an additional 205 acres and are located in the general vicinity of the relocated tower, in areas that remain undeveloped or used for agricultural purposes. (Cellco 1, pp. iii and 13-14, Tab 9). Some year round visibility will exist along the easterly shore of Wappaquasset Pond. No significant views of the tower will occur from local or State scenic roads within two miles of the proposed tower location. (Cellco 1, pp. 13-14, Tab 9; Tr.1, p. 19).

#### 4. Historical Values

As it does with all of its tower proposals, prior to filing the Application with the Council,

Cellco requested that the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") of the Connecticut Historical

Commission (the "Commission") review the proposed relocated facility and provide a written

response. Based on his review of the information submitted by Cellco, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer determined that the development of a telecommunications facility at the Property would have no effect on architectural or archeological resources listed on or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. (Cellco 1, Tab 10). No evidence to the contrary was presented to the Council. Furthermore, Cellco has no reason to believe that there are any other impacts on historical values not addressed by the SHPO's review.

#### 5. Recreational Values

There are no recreational activities or facilities at or near the Property that would be impacted by development of the new Woodstock Facility. (Cellco 1, Tabs 9 and 10).

#### 6. Forests and Parks

There is no State or local forests or park land that will be impacted by the proposed Woodstock Facility. (Cellco 1, Tabs 9 and 10). No evidence to refute this conclusion was presented to the Council.

### 7. Air and Water Quality

#### a. Air Quality.

The equipment at the site would generate no air emissions under normal operating conditions. During power outage events and periodically for maintenance purposes, Cellco would utilize a diesel-fueled back-up generator to provide emergency power to the new Woodstock Facility. The use of the generator during these limited periods would result in minor levels of emissions. Pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 22a-174-3, Cellco will obtain an appropriate permit from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") Bureau of Air Management prior to installation of the proposed generator. (Cellco 1, p. 21).

#### b. Water Quality.

The proposed Woodstock Facility would not utilize water, nor would it discharge substances into any surface water, groundwater, or public or private sewage system. Dean Gustafson, Professional Soil Scientist with VHB, Inc., conducted a field investigation and completed a Wetlands Delineation Report (the "Wetlands Report") for the relocated Woodstock Facility. According to the Wetlands Report, the proposed access driveway will cross an existing drainage ditch, approximately 75 feet south of the facility compound. This feature is regulated as an intermittent watercourse. The crossing will result in a direct impact to approximately 500 square feet of regulated area. These impacts will not have an adverse impact on this wetland resource. (Cellco 1, pp. 18-19, Tabs 10 and 12). No evidence to refute these conclusions was presented to the Council.

#### 8. Fish and Wildlife

As a part of its National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") Checklist, Cellco received comments on the relocated Woodstock Facility from the U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") and the Environmental and Geographic Information Center of the DEP. The USFWS has determined that there are no federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat known to occur at the Property. Likewise, according to the DEP, there are no known extant populations of Federal or State Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species at the Property. (Cellco 1, pp. 20-21, Tab 10).

### C. The Application Should Be Approved Because The Benefits Of The Proposed Facility Outweigh Any Potential Impacts

Following a determination of the probable environmental impacts of the Woodstock

Facility, Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50p requires that the Applicant demonstrate why these

impacts "are not sufficient reason to deny the Application." Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p(a)(3). The record establishes that the impacts associated with the proposal would be limited and outweighed by the benefits to the public from the proposed facility and, therefore, requires that the Council approve the Application.

As discussed above, the only potential adverse impact from the proposed tower involves "scenic values." As the record overwhelmingly demonstrates, the relocated Woodstock Facility would have minimal impacts on scenic values in the area. (Cellco 1, Tab 9; Tr.1, pp. 11-13 and 19-20). These limited aesthetic impacts may be, and in this case are, outweighed by the public benefit derived from the establishment of the new Woodstock Facility. Unlike many other types of development, telecommunications facilities do not cause indirect environmental impacts, such as increased traffic and related pollution.

The limited aesthetic and environmental impacts of the proposed Woodstock Facility can be further mitigated by the sharing of the facility. Cellco intends to design the 150-foot tower so that it could be shared by other carriers. (Cellco 1). Cellco has also agreed to provide access to the tower, at no cost, to the Town and to emergency service providers in the Town (Tr.1, p. 17).

In sum, the potential environmental impacts from the proposed Woodstock Facility would be minimal when considered against the benefits to the public. These impacts are insufficient to deny the Application. The site, therefore, satisfies the criteria for a Certificate pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50p, and the Applicant's request for a Certificate should be granted.

### V. CONCLUSION

Based on the overwhelming evidence in the record, the Applicant has established that there is a need for the new Woodstock Facility and that the environmental impacts associated with the Application would be limited and outweighed by the benefits to the public from the proposed facility and, therefore, requires that the Council approve the Application. Therefore, the Council should approve the Application as submitted.

Respectfully submitted, CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS

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Its Attorneys

### **EXHIBIT 5**

LESSOR SITE NAME/SITE NUMBER: SOUTH WOODSTOCK CT / 6298 LESSEE SITE NAME/SITE NUMBER: WOODSTOCK, CT / N/A LESSEE NG NUMBER: 20200

### AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE SUPPLEMENT

This Amended and Restated Lease Supplement ("Supplement"), made this much, 2007 between American Towers, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, with its principal offices located at 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801, and with a federal identification number of 65-0598206, hereinafter designated LESSOR, and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, with its principal offices at c/o Verizon Wireless, One Verizon Way, Mail Stop 4AW100. Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920-1097, hereinafter designated LESSEE.

This Supplement is a Supplement to that certain Master Lease Agreement between American Tower, L.P. and Cellco Partnership, dated June 11, 1999, as amended by an Amendment to Master Lease Agreement dated April 4, 2002, as amended by that certain Second Amendment to Master Lease Agreement dated July 13, 2004, and as amended by that certain Third Amendment to Master Lease Agreement and Existing Agreements dated February 13, 2007 ("Agreement"). All of the terms and conditions of the Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof without the necessity of repeating or attaching the Agreement. In the event of a contradiction, modification or inconsistency between the terms of the Agreement and this Supplement, the terms of this Supplement shall govern. Capitalized terms used in this Supplement shall have the same meaning described for them in the Agreement unless otherwise indicated herein.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3(f) of the Third Amendment to Master Lease Agreement and Existing Agreements, all Non-Master Agreements shall be restated as Supplements as provided for in the Agreement. Prior to the Commencement Date of this Supplement, LESSEE's lease of the Property was subject to Non-Master Agreement. The purpose of this Supplement is to restate LESSEE's use of the Property under the Agreement.

2. The Property leased by the LESSOR to the LESSEE hereunder is described as follows:

Space for LESSEE's equipment building on the ground and antennas on LESSOR's Tower located on that parcel of land located in the Town of Woodstock, Windham County, State of Connecticut and being further described in a Memorandum of Lease filed among the Land Records of the Town of Woodstock in Book 423, Page 376, and as further identified on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

- In the event an Exhibit 1 is attached hereto describing the Property, the LESSEE shall have the right to survey the Property and said survey shall then become Exhibit 2 which shall be attached hereto and made a part hereof and shall control in the event of any discrepancies between it and Exhibit 1. The cost for such work shall be borne by the LESSEE.
- The term of this Supplement shall be ten (10) years, commencing on January 1. 2007, and shall be subject to extension as set forth in Paragraph 3(a) of the Third Amendment to Master Lease Agreement and Existing Agreements.
- Except as modified by Paragraph 8.a. herein, the rental for the initial term of this Supplement shall be the same as that in effect under the Restated Agreement (as defined in Paragraph 8.b.) as of the date of this Supplement.

- 6. The annual rental shall increase on the first day of September following the commencement of this Supplement and on the first day of each September thereafter, for the initial term and all extension terms.
  - 7. LESSEE Equipment Information:

The equipment of the LESSEE is specified on Exhibit 3 attached hereto.

- 8. Other Provisions:
  - a. In consideration of LESSEE's installation of additional equipment at the Property, the annual rental as set forth in this Supplement shall be increased by (the Rent Increase") to be paid together with the rental as set forth in Paragraph 5 above, on the first day of the month, in advance, to Lessor or to such other person, firm, or place as the Lessor may, from time to time, designate in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any rental payment date. The Commencement Date of said Rent Increase shall be defined as the first (1st) day of the month in which the commencement of installation of LESSEE's additional equipment at the Property occurs, or thirty (30) days from the date LESSOR provides LESSEE with written notice that the tower replacement in Other Provisions (c.) below is completed, whichever is earlier.
  - b. LESSOR and LESSEE agree that this Supplement replaces the prior agreement between Antenna Tower Sites, Inc. and Conn-2 RSA Partnership dated October 15, 1991 referenced by LESSEE as Contract #NG20200 ("Restated Agreement"). LESSOR and LESSEE acknowledge that this Supplement is a restatement and amendment of the Restated Agreement in order to have the Restated Agreement come under the Agreement. Further, LESSOR and LESSEE acknowledge that notwithstanding the restatement of the Restated Agreement, LESSEE may continue to make, and the LESSOR may continue to receive, rental and other payments earmarked for the Restated Agreement. In such event, any rental or other payments earmarked for the Restated Agreement shall be applied and credited against any rentals or other payments due under this Supplement.
  - c. LESSOR and LESSEE agree that the existing Tower at the Property shall be replaced prior to LESSEE's installation of its additional equipment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and affixed their respective seals the day and year first above written.

LESSOR:

American Towers, Inc., a Delaware corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Tower Corporation, a Delaware corporation

Name: Richard Rossi

Title: Director, Contract Managément

LESSEE:

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Name: David R. Heverling

Title: Vice President, Network - Northeast

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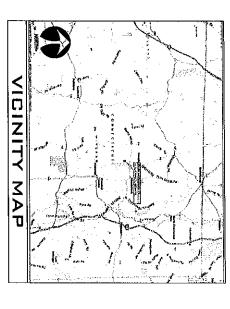
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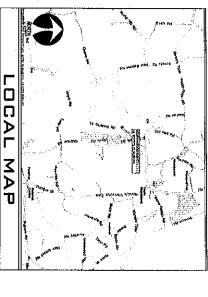
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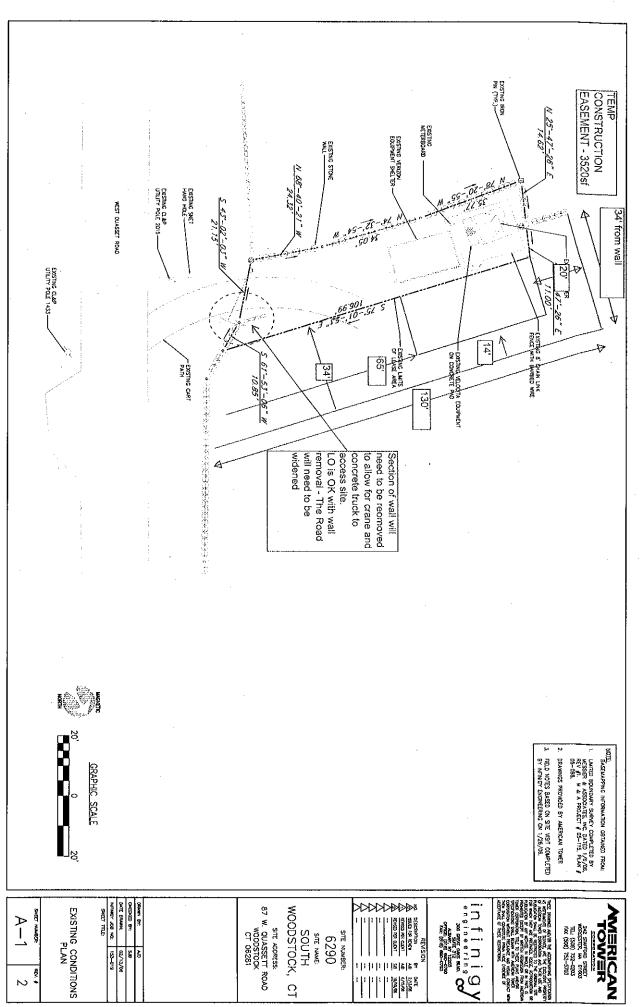
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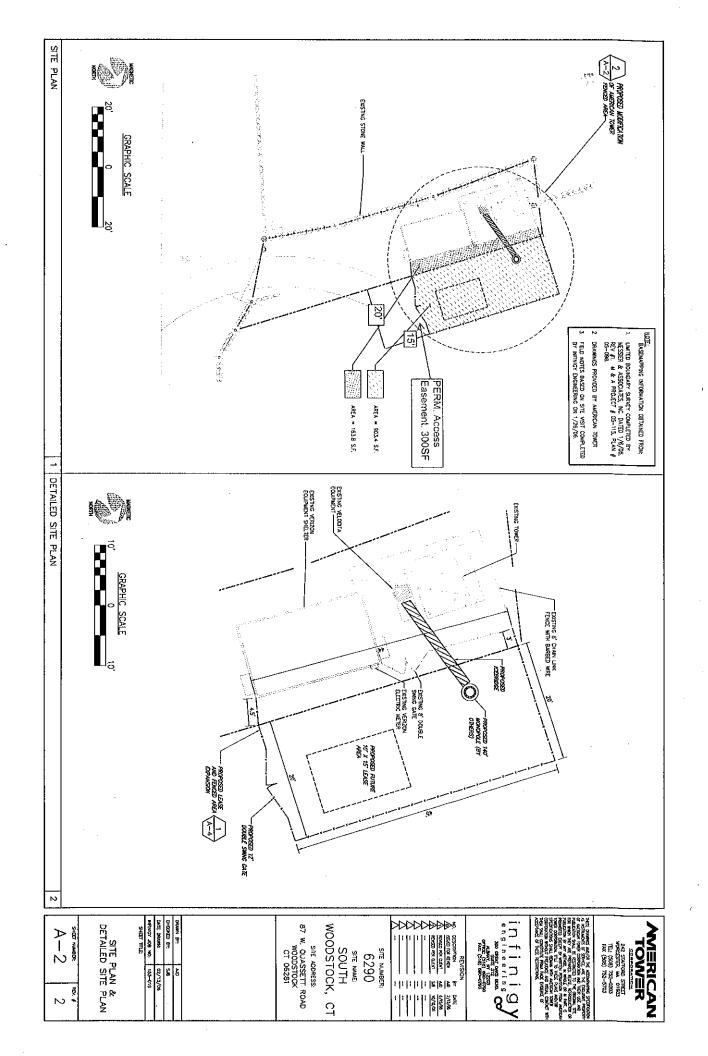
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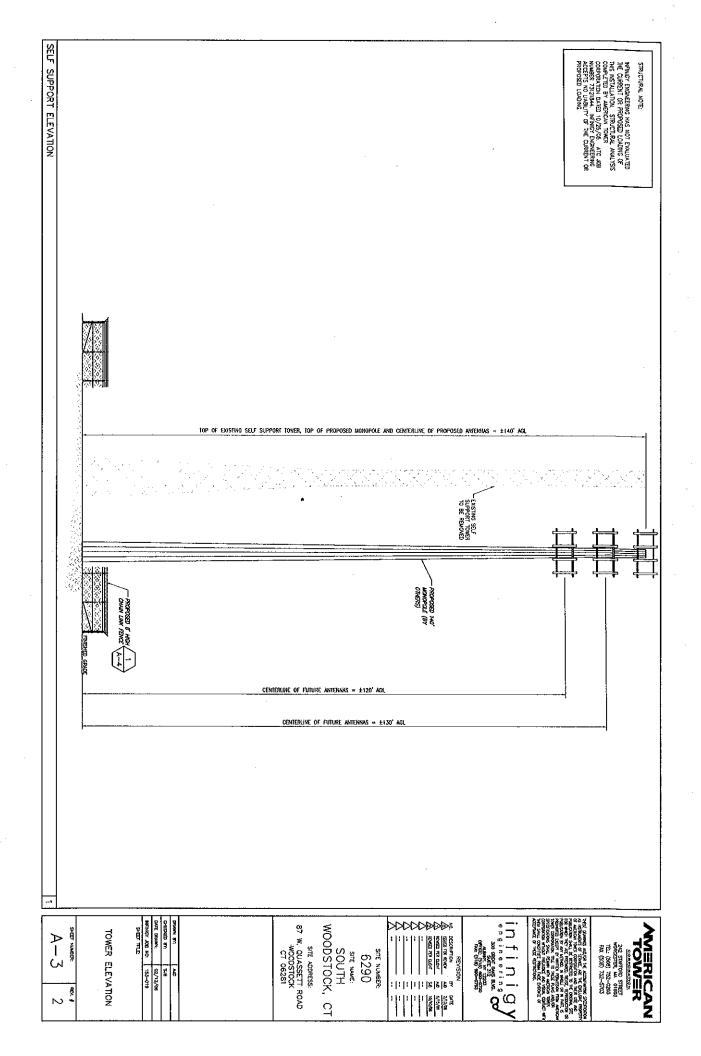
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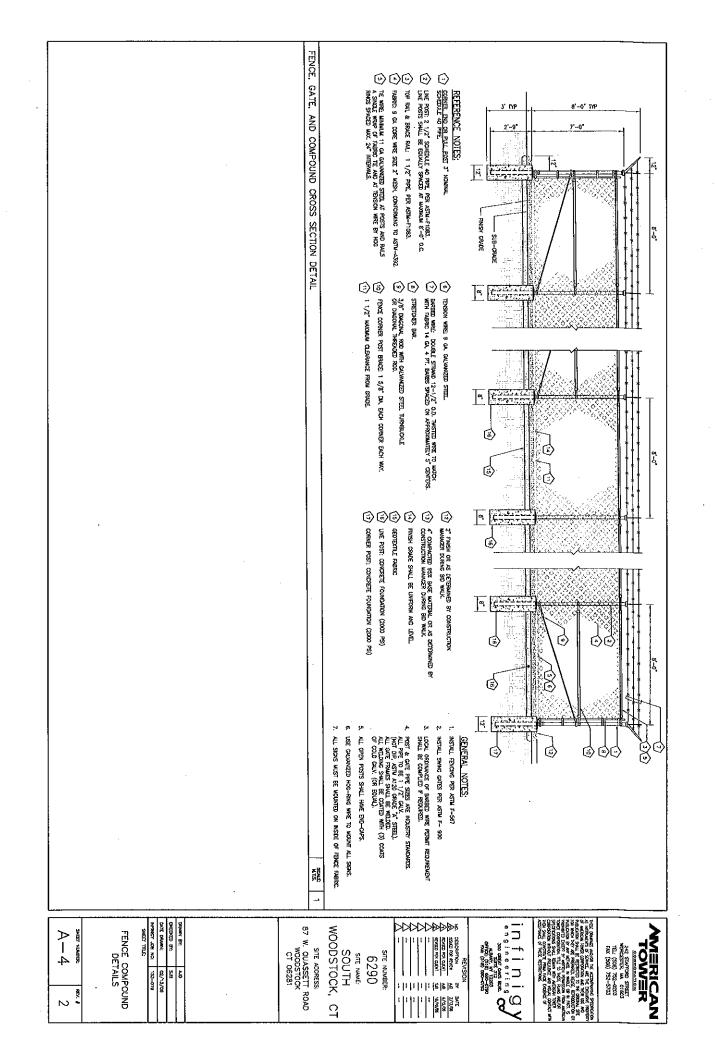
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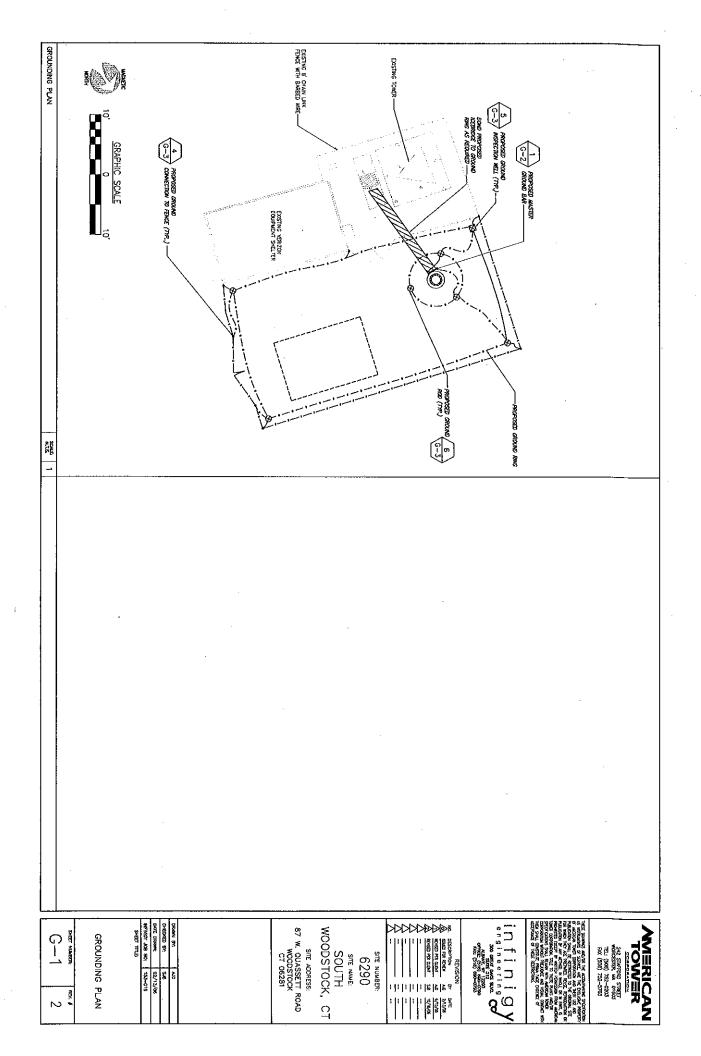
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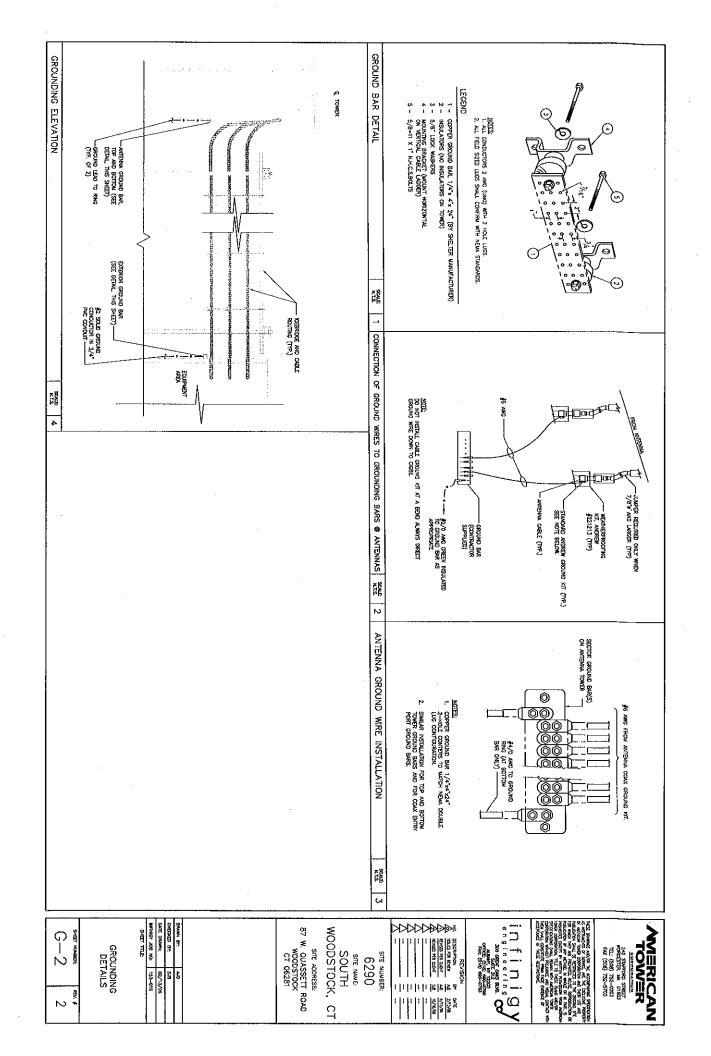


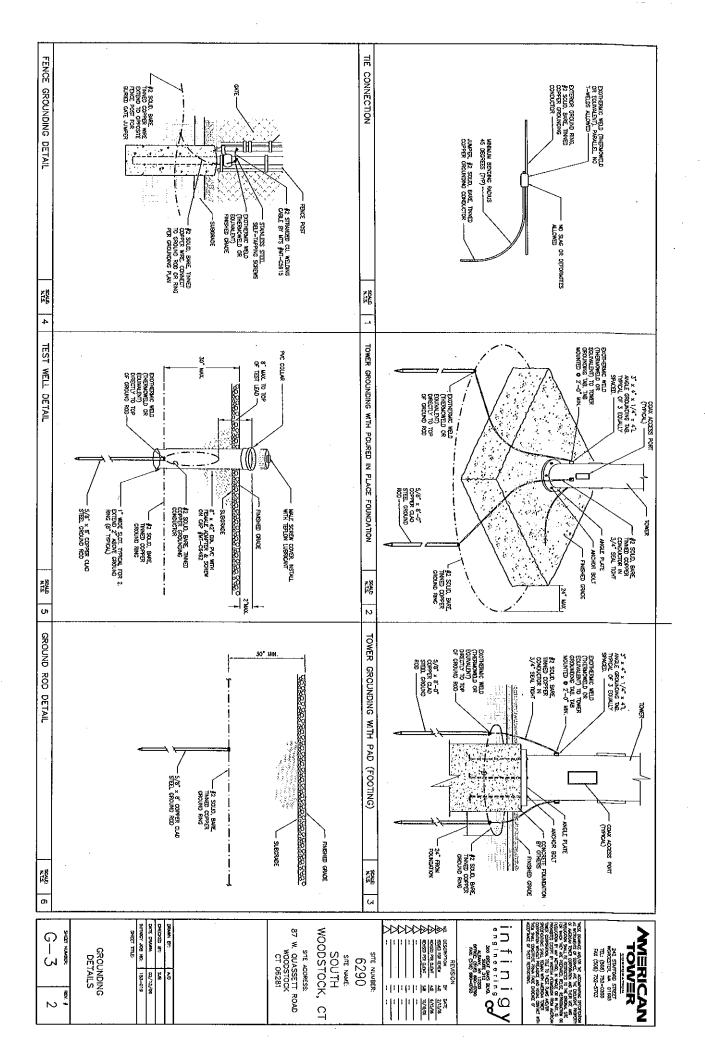












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## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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## 1.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT

- A. The drawings and specifications are intended to be fully explanatory and supplementary, however, should anything be shown, indicated, or specified in feeling the cone the same as if shown, indicated or specified in both. Should there be any distributions between requirements shown in both, the more stringent requirements shall apply.

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## 1.2 CONFLICTS

- A. Verify all measurements at the site before ordering material or doing any work. No extra change or compensation will be allowed doing any work. No extra change or compensation will be allowed to afferences between octally and the state of the state of the state of the solution before proceeding with the work.

  B. No plea of ignorance of conditions that exist or of difficulties of conditions that may be encutioned that which or other research conditions that may be encutioned the work of the major of the state of the

### 1.3 CLEANING

Keep the site free from accumulation of waste and rubbish caused by employees. At the completion of the work, remove all waste and non-construction material, including all contractor tools, scatfolding, and surplus material and leave site clean and ready for use.

### 1.4 CODES

Contractor shall be regionsible for following all lows, regulations, and rules promulgated by Federal State and local authorities with jurisdiction over the site. This responsibility is in effect regardless of whether the low, ordinance, regulation or rule is mentioned in these specifications.

## 1.5 LICENSING

Howe and maintain a valid Contractor's license for the location in which the work is to be performed. For jurisdictions that license individual trades, the tradesman or subcontractor's performing those trades shall be licensed. Research and comply with licensing laws, pay license fees, and select and inform subcontractors regarding these laws.

### 1,6 OSHA

Follow all applicable rules and regulations of the Occupational Sofety and Health Administrations, and State laws based in the federal Occupational Sofety and Health Act. These regulations include, but are not limited to, regulations dealing with tower construction and safety, excavations and transhing, and work in confined spaces. Ensure that employees and subcontractors wear hard hats at all times during construction.

### 1.7 PHOTOS

Provide photographic evidence of all foundation installation, grounding, and trenching after placement of utilities prior to backfill.

## BUILDING PERMITS

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ATC will submit construction documents to the jurisdictional authority for plan check and review. Contractor will submit iterasing and workman's Compensation information to the jurisdiction as required to abtain the building permit. Contractor shall coordinate and schedule required inspections and post required permits at the job site. Comply with specific project—related requests and suggestions made by building inspector, and inform Construction Monager of any such work that may not be beyond the scape of the contract or devotte from the construction documents. ATC will reminutes the confractor for fees, for pion review, building permit, connections, and inspection.

# ZONING REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

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ATC will submit for and obtain all zoning and Conditional Use Permits. Some use permits may have specific requirements for the site related to construction, such as noise regulations, hours of work, access limitations, etc. The Construction Manager will inform the Contractor of these requirements at the Pre-Bid Meeting or as shown in construction documents.

## FAA PERMIT AND TOWER LIGHTING

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Refer to construction documents and Construction Manager for FAA and state lighting requirements. Contractor shall provide temporary FAA approved lighting until permanent lighting is operational.

### <u>:</u> TOWER SECURITY

Tower must be fenced, temporarily or permanently within 24 hours of erection. Do not allow the pare accessing the tower area to remain open or unattended at any time for any reason. Keep the gate closed and locked when not in use.

### 1.12 SITE CONTROL

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- A. The contractor is completely responsible for containment of sediment and control of erosion, at the site. Any demage to colporate or downstream properties will be corrected by the contractor of no expense to AIC.

  B. The contractor is to maintain adequate drainage at all times. Do not allow water to stand or bond. Any damage to structures or work on the site cluster that madequality in the contractor drainage provisions will be the responsibility of the contractor of the year constructions. The provisions will be a contraction of the year contractions are the properly disposed of off-site or as a cliented by the Construction Manager and in accordance with jurisdictional authorities. ဂ 'n

### 2.0 SITE PREPARATION

## 7 SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES:

- A. Protection of existing trees, vegetation and landscaping materials

- which might be damaged by construction activities.

  I firmming of existing trees and vegetation as required for protection during construction activities.

  Clearing and grubbing of stumps, vegetation, debris, rubbish, designated trees, and site improvements.

  Topsail stripping and stocipaling.

  Temporary protection of adjacent property, sitration control, and dust control comforming to local requirements as applicable.

  F. Temporary protection of adjacent property, structures, benchmarks, and manuments.
- Ξ O Protection and temporary relocation, starage and re-installation of existing faming and other site improvements scheduled for reuse Removal and legal disposal of cleared materials.

## 2.2 PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS (As approved by Construction or as noted in construction documents.) Manager

Materials used for tree protection, erosion control, siltation control, and dust control as suitable for specific site conditions

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## 3.0

## 3.1 SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES:

- A. Excavation, trenching, filling, compaction, and grading for structures, site improvements, and utilities.

  B. Materials for sub-base, drainage fill, fill, backfill, and gravel for slabs, povements, and improvements.

  C. Rook excavation without blasting.

  D. Supply of additional materials from offsite as required.

  E. Removal and legal disposal of excavated materials as required.

## 3.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Composition:

  Linder structures, building slabs, povements, and walkways will obtain a 95 percent composition at a maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D-1537 or within plus or minus 3 percent of optimum moisture content.

  Grading Tolerances Outside Building Lines:
- Lowns, unpoved areas, and walks, plus or minus 1 inch. Under povements, plus or minus 1/2 inch. rading Tolerance for FII Under All Concrete Applications: Plus minus 1/2 inch measured with 10 foot straighteage.

## IJ PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS (As approved by Construction Manager or as noted in construction documents.)

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- Subbase Material: Graded mixture of natural or crushed grovel, crushed stone or slog, and natural sand.

  Washed Material, evenly graded mixture of crushed stone or gravel, with 95 percent passing at 1 1/2 inch sieve.

  Grading Material will consist of: Satisfactory native or imported soil materials free of clay rock or gravel nat larger than 2 inches in any dimension. Debris, waste, frozen materials, and other unusuitable materials will not be allowed for use. Imported materials shall have a clay content no more than 5 increase.
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  D. Bockfill Materials will consist of: Satisfactory non-cohesive native consist of the period of clay, rock or gravel not larger and imported soil materials free of clay, rock or gravel not represent and other westerness, and other chesis, and other materials. Imported material shall have a clay content of no more than 5 percent.

  Every graded mixture of crushed stone or gravel, with 95 percent possing a 11/2 inch sieve.

  F. Geotextile Fabric: As per construction documents.

## 3.4 CLEARING AND GRUBBING

Remove all vegetation and materials as required. Remove stumps completely under foundations and roadway. Dispose of clearing and grubbing off-site, or in an on-site location approved by Construction Manager.

### 3.5 STRIPPING

Strip not less than 3 inches of sod and topsoil from areas that underlay groyel, powement, new structures, or new embandments, stackshie stripping on-site for re-use in final landscaping. <u>≸.</u>

## 3.6 COMMON EXCAVATION

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- Excavate to depth, lines, and grades shown on the plans or otherwise specified.
   Importantly stockails on-site excavation at an approved location within the work area until site grading is complete. Stockails shall not exceed 15 feet in height.
   Legally dispose of excess common excavation off-site.

- A. Construct embankment to the lines and grade shown on the drawings.

  Construct embankment from on-site excavation materials when suitable. Use imported backfill only after available on-site excavation materials have been used.

  Construct in lifts of not more than 12 inches in loose depth.

  The full width of the pross section shall be brought up uniformly. Material shall not be placed in layers and shall be near opstimum moisture content before rolling to obtain the prescribed compaction. Wetting or drying of the material and manipulation to secure a uniform moisture content throughout the layer may be required. Such operations shall be included in the appropriate bid item. Should the material be too wet to permit proper compaction, it is the contractor's responsibility to utilize material with an acceptable moisture content.

  E. Do not place frozen material upon frozen material, with an acceptable moisture content.

  E. Contractor shall be responsible for the stability of embankments and to the Contractor's operations.

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## 3.8 SITE GRADING

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- A. Using on-site excovation materials, shape, trim, finish, and compact surface areas to conform to the lines, grades, and cross sections shown on the drawings or as designated by the Construction Manager.

  B. Grade surfaces to drain and eliminate any ponding or erosion.

  C. Eliminate wheel ruts by regrading.

  C. Compact areas underlying new gravel, poving, floor slabs, and structures to a 55 percent compactation at a maximum dry density as determined by ASMID 0-1557 or within plus or minus 3 percent of potinum moisture content.

  E. Construct finished surface of site grading areas within one inches from specified grade.

## 3.9 SUBGRADE PREPARATION

- ₽ Shape top of subgrade to the lines and grades shown on the
- drawings.

  B. Maintain top of subgrade in a free-draining condition.
  C. Do not stockpile materials on top of subgrade unless authorized by Construction Manager.
  D. Compact the top 12 inches of subgrade to a 95 percent compaction at a maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D-1557 or within plus or minus 3 percent of optimum mosture content.
  E. Construct top of subgrade within one inch of established grade and cross-section.

### 3.10 GEOTEXTILE FABRIC

A. Loy geotextile fabric over compacted subgrade as per construction documents in the compaund area and under length of road (when required). Lop all joints to a minimum of 36 inches.

### <u>;</u> GRAVEL SURFACING

- Construct gravel surfacing areas using crushed aggregate base and finish courses as specified by Construction Manager or construction documents.

  Spread gravel and rake to obtain a uniform surface area.

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CALL LOCAL UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATING SERVICE BEFORE ANY EXCAVATION OR TRENCHING.

AMERICAN TOWER

242 STAFFORD STREET WORDESTER, MA 01803 TEL: (508) 752-0203 FAX (508) 752-5703

### 4. MATERIALS

Fill material shall be obtained, when possible, from materials excovated from trenders correctle. Frozuvor fill, sond or siurry shall be approved by the Construction Manager and shall conform to local governing Jurisdictions and utility company requirements. The fill material shall contain no organic material or racks, nor shall contain objectionable materials and/or materials designated as hazardous or industrial by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The fill material shall contain fines sufficient to fill all voids in the material company or companion of the process of the material companion will said backflux or companion of the process of inch losse lifts when utilizing hand operated lampers.

## 4.2 PIPE DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION

A. Utilizing Warning Tape: All electric service trenches shall marked with warning tape.

## 4.3 TRENCH EXCAVATION

- A. Die trench to lines and grades shown an the plans or as directed by Construction Manager.

  B. Trench length shall be sufficient to allow for satisfactory construction and inspection of the project, without endangering content of the construction was not allowed to allow the content of the completed without cannot be accomplished without endangering existing or new structures or other facilities.

## 4.4 TRENCH PROTECTION

- A. Provide materials, labor, and equipment necessary to protect B. Sneeting and Bracing: Meet or exceed OSHA requirements.

## 4.5 BACKFILLING

- A Notify the Construction Manager at least 24 hours in advance of backfilling between with lifts up to 12 inches, loose measure. Beackfill trench with lifts up to 12 inches, loose measure. C. Protect conduit from clusted movement, damage from impact, and unadanced looding to avaid displacement of conduit and/or structures. Do not free fall backfill into trench until at least 12 inches of cover is over the conduit.

## 4.6 COMPACTION

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## 5.0 CHAIN LINK FENCES AND GATES

### 5.1 GENERAL

A. Provide chain link fences and gates as complete units by a single supply source including necessary erection accessories, fittings, and fasteners.

# 5.2 PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS (As approved by Construction Manager or as within construction documents.)

Compound fabric 72 inches high and over with 2—inch mesh shall be knuckled at one selvage and twisted at the other.

Comply with Chain Link Fence Manufacturers Institute (CLFM) Product Manual. Furnish one piece of fabric widths. Wire size includes zinc or aluminum coating.

Size: 2-inch mesh, 9 gauge (0.148-inch diameter) wire.
 Galvanized Steel Finish: ASTM A 392, Class 2, with a minimum 2.0 oz. zinc per SQ, FT. of uncoated wire surface.

## FRAMEWORK AND ACCESSORIES:

- General Requirements: Except as indicated otherwise, conform to the Chain Link Fence Manufacturers Institute (CLFM) Product Manual, Industrial Steel Guide for Fence Rails, Fosts, Gates and Accessories, including Table II.
- Strength requirements for posts and rails conforming to ASTM F 669.
- Type Tippe: Hot-dipped galvanized steel pipe conforming to ASIM F 1083, plane ends, standard weight (schedule 40) with ASIM F 1083, plane ends, standard weight (schedule 40) with ASIM F 628. Mill finished aluminum or galvanized iron steel, to suit manufacturer's standards.

  Top Rail: Monufacturer's longest lengths, with expansion type couplings, approximately 6 inches long, for each joint, Provide means for extraoring top roil securely to each gate comer, pull or Galvanized Steel: 1/44 inch NPS (1.66 inch OD) Type I or II of Galvanized Steel: 1/44 inch NPS (1.66 inch OD) Type I or II of Galvanized Steel: 1/45 inch X 125 inch roil-formed C sections weighting 1.35 lbs. Per FT.

## D. SMNG GATES:

Comply with ASTM  ${\sf F}$  9000. Provide hardware and occessories for each gate, galvanized per ASTM A 153, and in accordance with the following:

- Hinges: Non-lift-off type, offset to permit 180 deg, gate opening.
   Latch: Farked type or plunger-bor type to permit operation from either side of gate, with podlock eye as integral part of latch.
   Keeper: Provide keeper for vehicle gates, which automatically engages gate leaf and holds it in open position until manually released.
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  Collection of the stops for double gates, consisting of facts Stops: Provide gate stops for double gates, consisting of mushroom type flush plote with anchors, set in concrete, and designed to engage center drop rod or plunger bor. Include locking device and padiock eyes as integral port of latch, permitting both gate leaves to be locked with single padiock.

### E. CONCRETE:

Provide concrete consisting of Portland Cement, ASTM C 150, and clean water. Mix materials to obtain concrete with a minimum of 28—day compressive strength of 2000 psi.

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3. Fins, Ridges, High Spots: Hone smooth with abrasive power grinders while concrete is green, immediately after form removal.

4. Form Tie Holes and Deep Japressions: Flush thoroughly with alean water and tamp to overfull with drypack. Cure 10 days and more flush and smooth.

5. Rack Pockets, Honeycomb, Sand Streoks, Debris and Voids: Outout with cless! I inch deep with sides perpendicular to surface. Flush to werfull with adoptack in at least two layers. Cure for 10 days and hane flushed and smooth.

These previsions apply to all exposed and all formed concrete, exterior or interior, unless specifically detailed otherwise. Perform procedures prior to application of any auring compounds.
 All Surfaces: Thoroughly clean of all stoins, spatter and loose

Finishing Exposed Concrete Surfaces:

### 60 LANDSCAPING

A. Furnish, instell and maintain landscape work as shown and or required within the construction documents or as specified in the ATC construction specifications.

## CONCRETE FORMWORK

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- A. Forms: Smooth and free of surface irregularities. Utilize form release agents.

  B. Chamter: Exposed edges of all tower foundations shall receive a B. Chamter, Exposed edges shall state that the state of the exposed edges shall receive a Gooled radius faish.

  C. Upon completion, remove all farms, including those concealed or
- buried. Refer to structural drawings for additional requirements.

## CONCRETE REINFORCEMENT

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Refer to structural drawings for all requirements

## 9.0 CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE

For structural concrete (footings, foundations, etc.), refer to structural drawings for requirements. For any miscellaneous concrete, refer to specification book or obtain requirements from Construction Manager.

- A. All concrete shall comply with ASTM C94 unless noted otherwise.

  Minimum compressive strength (fc) at 28 days: 4000 psi for tower foundation, and 3000 psi for all other concrete unless specified in construction documents.

  C. Air Entrainment: Provide 4 to 8% air entrainment for all concrete subject to freeze—thaw cycle.
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- D. Concrete Testing: All foundation concrete shall be tested by an D. Concrete Testing: All foundation concrete must be tested. Equipment all structural tower foundation concrete must be tested. Equipment or building pads are not required to be tested, unless otherwise noted by Construction Manager. Provide a minimum of 5 cylinders (2-7-day, 2-28-day, 1-spare) for each days pour, or far every 50 yards placed whichever is greater. Additional tests or cylinders of the previous placed whichever is greater. Additional tests or cylinders of the previous placed whichever is greater. Additional tests or cylinders of the previous placed whichever is greater. Additional tests or cylinders of the previous placed whichever is greater. Additional tests or cylinders of the previous placed whichever is greater. Additional tests or cylinders of the previous placed whichever is pressponsible for contraction to the contraction standards. The testing agency has the contractor is responsible for coordination of the testing agency a minimum of 24 hours in advance of each foundation pour. Variate all concrete using sufficient high frequency, low amplitude registers are provious placed to the previous from the provious placed to saidly fill concrete or the contraction of the testing approximation of the previous placed to the previous placed to the previous lift. Republication of the previous support lowers of its sent the contraction pounds and the previous lift. Republication of the previous lift. Republication of the previous supportance of the previous lift. Republication of the previous lift. Republication of the previous supportance of the previous lift. Republication of the previous managed the previous lift. Republication of the previous lift. Republication of the

Contractor shall verify all sizes and locations of all electrical openings and equipment/building pods with the electrical drawings and shap drawings. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to provide all openings and sleeves for proper distribution for all utilities. Contractor shall refer to drawings of other Contractor shall refer to drawings of other trades and vendor drawings for embedded items and recesses not shawn on structural drawings.

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### 10.0 STRUCTURAL STEEL

Meet or exceed manufacturer's recommendations.

- A. Unless otherwise noted, all detailing right-ication and placing of reinforing steel high conform to the manual placing of reinforing steel place conform to the manual standard profits for detailing reinforced concrete at returness of the standard profits and the seed of the standard place of the standard with the exception and welding of the standard with the checking and welding of the standard with the standard place.

  All reinforcement bars to be free from loose rust and profits the standard place in the standard place.
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  Unless otherwise noted, all reinforcement shall have a minimum concrete coverage of 3 inches. This may require spacers and chairs as required by testing agency or Construction Manager.

  Splices in reinforcement stee are prohibited, unless supproved by Construction Manager, All splices must then meet all applicable ASTM standards for splicing.

### GROUNDING

Meet all applicable codes, requirements of the construction documents, and ATC construction specifications.

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June 8, 2009

Mr. Tom Burgoyne, Site Supervisor American Tower c/o Corporate Headquarters 116 Huntington Avenue, 11th Floor Boston, MA 02116

Re: West Quasset Road, Woodstock

Cell Tower

Dear Mr. Burgoyne,

Please be advised that the parcel of land on West Quasset Road in Woodstock, CT owned by Quasset Hill Farm LLC and the proposed site for a rebuilt or replacement cell tower, is not within the boundaries of a historic district in the town of Woodstock. Dismantling and rebuilding of the stone wall for acess to the site should not be affected by existing historic guidelines, however, if the rebuilt or replacement tower is to be in any way different than the current tower, there may be other town commissions that should review the proposal.

If you have questions for the Woodstock Historic District Commission, please call upon me at 860-963-2664.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Cole Smith, Chair

Woodstock Historic District Commission