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Via Certificate of Mailing

Gareth D. Bye
Director of Legal Affairs
Office of The Secretary
State of Connecticut
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1379

Re: Utility Pole Attachments to be Performed by Cellco Partnership
Pole Location: Public Right-of-Way, Utility Pole #324, 8 Rose Lane, Stonington, CT
Your Property Location: 3 Rose Lane, Stonington, CT
Cellco Identification for Proposed Installation: Mystic CT SC 4B
Property Owner Notification

Dear Mr. Bye:

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") is in the process of upgrading its wireless network at the pole location identified above in the vicinity of your property ("Pole Location"). Cellco intends to install an antenna and associated equipment on the existing utility pole within the public right of way at that location, or, if necessary, a replacement pole at the same location. This service upgrade project will allow Cellco to provide customers in the project area with enhanced and more reliable wireless services.

Federal and state law permits Cellco to install and operate new antennas and associated equipment on utility poles in the public rights of way. Cellco has determined that it is necessary to place this equipment on a utility pole in the public right of way adjoining your property. Pursuant to the decision of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in Docket No. 07-03-34RE01, the term "adjoining property owner" is defined as any property within 140 feet of the utility pole on which the described equipment would be located.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-234, Cellco may not place its

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antennas or equipment on a pole in the public right of way without either your consent as an adjoining property owner or, if your consent can not be obtained, without the approval of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA"). You would be notified in advance of any hearing before the PURA and would be given the opportunity to appear before the PURA. Please see an excerpt of Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-234 included in <u>Attachment A</u> to this letter which details your rights.

Specifically, Cellco plans to attach a single canister type antenna along with radio and electrical service equipment to the existing utility pole at the Pole Location noted above in the public right of way near your property (the "Pole"). The canister antenna will be installed on the Pole at the height shown on the enclosed Attachment B. Radio equipment associated with the antenna will be located inside a small cabinet, installed on the Pole at the height shown on the enclosed Attachment B. Additional electrical equipment and an electric meter will be attached to the Pole below Cellco's equipment cabinet. A Lease Exhibit, showing additional details of the installation, the dimensions of proposed equipment. the general location of the Pole that will be used, and a schematic of Cellco's pole attachment plan is included in Attachment B.

Municipal records identify your property as "adjoining" (within 140') or across the street from the Pole where the Cellco equipment will be installed. In <u>Attachment C</u> you will find a 140-foot Adjacent Owners Map showing the location of the Pole and your property.

If you have any questions or concerns with the location of this equipment please feel free to contact me. You may also contact the PURA directly at:

Executive Secretary Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051 800-382-4586

If this matter goes to a PURA hearing, you will have the opportunity to present your concerns at the PURA's office on a specified date, and respond to questions from PURA staff and representatives from other interested parties regarding your concerns.

Finally, please note that if we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will presume that you consent to placement of the antenna and associated equipment on the identified Pole and will so advise PURA.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

W. Richard Smith, Jr.

Enclosures: Attachments A, B and C

Attachment A Excerpt of Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-234

Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-234 provides, in relevant part:

No utility shall exercise any powers which may have been conferred upon it to change the location of, or to erect or place, wires, conductors, fixtures, structures or apparatus of any kind over, on or under any public road, public highway or public ground, without the consent of the adjoining proprietors or, if such company is unable to obtain such consent, without the approval of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, which shall be given only after a hearing upon notice to such proprietors. (emphasis added)



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Approx. Parcel Boundary

Feet

340

140-Foot Radius

170