Town of Brookfield Planning Commission

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August 12, 2015

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Re:

Vermont RSA Limited Partnership and Cellco Partnership, each d/b/a Verizon Wireless Proposal to extend Ridge Road telecommunications facility to 95 feet, Brookfield

Dear Brian:

Thank you for the letter dated July 21, 2015 on behalf of Vermont RSA Limited Partnership and Cellco Partnership, each d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) regarding filing an application under 30 V.S.A. § 248a to extend the existing telecommunications facility at 2382 Ridge Road to a total height of approximately 95 feet. By e-mail dated July 23, 2015 you stated:

As you know, Verizon Wireless has served 45-day notices for telecommunications facilities for two different properties in the Town of Brookfield. Verizon Wireless intends to construct only one of the two. Before we make the decision of which one, we would like to receive the input of the Selectboard and Planning Commission. We would like to do so in person, at a public meeting.

Through a further e-mail, you clarified that the other facility is the 110-foot wireless tower on West Street addressed in your letter of April 1, 2015.

I write on behalf of the Brookfield Planning Commission to inform you that the July 21 letter does not, in our view, constitute an adequate 45-day notice under applicable statute and rule. As we informed you in regard to the West Street facility by letter dated April 16, 2015, insufficient information was provided to the Planning Commission and therefore the April 1 letter did not actually trigger the 45-day period. Likewise, the July 21 letter for the Ridge Road proposal does not provide sufficient information. We request that Verizon refile or supplement the notices with sufficient information and that Verizon Wireless agree that the 45-day period will commence with those submittals.

Without waiving our position on the 45-day period, the Planning Commission will hold a public meeting concerning your proposals on September 3, 2015 at 7 p.m, town office, Ralph Road. One member of the Selectboard will attend. The two other Selectboard members will not

attend because one of them is an officer of the engineering firm that your client has employed for both proposals and the other member's parents own one of the proposed sites.

The meeting will benefit from the information requested in our prior communications. You assert that Verizon Wireless's Ridge Road proposal is similar to the prior AT&T proposal to increase that facility to 85 feet. While we do not necessarily agree, in contrast to your clients, AT&T provided a 45-day notice containing sufficient information for us to evaluate its proposal.

The Planning Commission requests that, on or before August 27, 2015, Verizon Wireless submit one physical and one electronic copy of all of the same types of information for both of your client's proposals that AT&T provided to the Planning Commission with its prior 45-day notice on the Ridge Road site, including but not limited to:

- all the topics addressed in AT&T's project narrative,
- an analysis that specifically applies the Brookfield Town Plan to each project,
- specific information on the benefits to be provided by each project,
- · a viewshed analysis,
- · photographic simulations, and
- · propagation maps.

The enclosed disc contains a copy of what AT&T submitted.

Failure to submit the requested information may result in cancellation of the meeting. Please feel free to contact me at <u>planning@brookfieldvt.org</u> or, during regular working hours, at 828-2236.

Sincerely.

Aaron Adler, Chair

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cc: (without enc.)

Dan Burke, Esq. (by e-mail)

Susan M. Hudson, PSB (by e-mail and US mail)

Chris Sargent, TRORC (by e-mail)

Brookfield Selectboard (hand delivery)