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Martha's Vineyard Commission

C.R. # 3 - 2009 – AT&T Airport Cell Tower MVC Staff Report – 2009-11-30

1. DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 Applicant:** New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T); Susan Roberts, Esq (Anderson & Krieger)
- 1.2 Project Location:** 1169 Martha's Vineyard Airport, West Tisbury Map 28, Lot 1, Cell Tower Site 2.
- 1.3 Proposal:** To install, operate and maintain a wireless communication facility with a 75-foot tall monopole tower.
- 1.4 Zoning:** Light Industrial
- 1.5 Local Permits:** Special Permit from Z.B.A.;
- 1.6 Surrounding Land Uses:** Airport, Airport Business Park.
- 1.7 Project History:**
- 1.8 Project Summary:**
- To install, operate and maintain a wireless communication facility with a 75-foot tall monopole tower.
 - The new 75-foot tall tower would be an upgraded and relocated replacement for an existing 40-foot tall tower.
 - The proposal was in response to an RFP (Request for Proposals) put out by the Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission. The MVAC chose the site of the replacement tower. The existing 40' tower is next to a building that the Airport is planning to demolish.
 - The tower is being built and operated by AT&T but would have room for two more carriers.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 DRI Referral:** West Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2.2 DRI Trigger:** 3.801
- 2.3 Pre-Application meeting with staff:** November 24, 2009
- 2.4 LUPC:** December 7, 2009
- 2.5 Site visits:**
- 2.6 Public Hearing:** To be determined if necessary on December 7, 2009.

3. PLANNING CONCERNS

3.1 Some Key Issues

- How visible will the antenna be from the road?

3.2 CORRESPONDENCE

- **Town Officials:** The **West Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals** requested that the MVC not require a public hearing as a DRI for this proposal in their referral letter.