Dear Ms. Morrison,

I am writing as an abutter to Mr. Doane's property at 21 New Lane, West Tisbury, to express my dismay in the doubling down on his cell tower plan, in conjunction with Centerline Communications. The cell tower that exists is already above tree line and a heightening of the tower would be a detriment to the nature of this area, its vistas, natural environment, and wildlife. It would further mar the horizon line and confuse birdlife, like the ospreys that call this tip of the Tisbury Great Pond a home. The addition of a diesel generator would spread noise pollution to homes in the neighborhood and along New Lane, in addition to disturbing the wildlife that exist in these woods along the edge of the pond (deer, rabbits, skunk, muskrats, otter, innumerable bird species from the smallest warbler to the largest osprey or eagle).

What kind of research has the town done to consider a better location for such a cell tower, including a location in a commercial setting rather than among the residents of this town. There is already cell coverage offered by the Doane's existing tower. Could the town be more proactive and consider a location in a different part of West Tisbury that may have more use for such a thing? Who has said there is a need for more cell service in this area and why not erect it along a main byway like Edgartown-West Tisbury Road, or in the Alley's parking lot, or better yet at WT Town Hall. The New Lane location is not central to the many who travel these byways who may complain about lack of cell service. Isn't spotty cell service one of the reasons why we live on Martha's Vineyard? I hope the town will consider taking this up on town property rather than blighting residential neighborhoods with massive cell towers and loud diesel generators.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts.

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