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Subject: Verizon Cell Tower on Tisbury Great Pond

January 19th 2013

Martha's Vineyard Commission PO Box 1447, Oak Bluffs, MA02557 Attn:Mr. Paul Foley

Cc: West Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575 Attn: Julie Keefe, Board Administrator.

Re: Objection to Verizon Cell Tower on Tisbury Great Pond in West Tisbury

Dear Mr Foley,

We are writing to object to installation of the Cell Tower which we understand is proposed adjacent to Tisbury Great Pond.

We are not residents of Martha's Vineyard but have vacationed close to the Great Pond for a period of over 15 years. We have always enjoyed the calm beauty of this area and know many others who appreciate the distinctive ambience of this Vineyard jewel. We have no financial or political incentives to influence our views on the outcome of your deliberations.

Not only would the addition of a tower or fake pine tree, extending some 40 feet above the oak trees, ruin this ambience but would also open the door to similar structures around the Vineyard from competitors and others. We understand that the structure is significantly higher than allowed by existing zoning bylaws.

We ask that the Commission reconsider the full future implications of this degration of the Vineyard's natural beauty and ensure that Verizon submit alternative proposals which do not destroy one of the Island's major assets.

Sincerely yours,

Michael and Valerie Keen

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