January 17, 2013

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Attn: Mr. Paul Foley

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cc: West Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals

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Attn: Julie Keefe, Board Administrator Email: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov

Re: Objection to Proposed Verizon Cell Tower on Tisbury Great Pond

Dear Mr. Foley,

As residents of 71 Runner Road on Town Cove in West Tisbury, we are concerned about the location and height of Verizon's proposed cell tower on the Doane property across the Cove from us.

While we would generally welcome improved cell reception, this proposed tower would be a terrible eyesore on the Tisbury Great Pond, which is one of the Vineyard's most tranquil landscapes. At 70 to 80 feet in height, the proposed tower or monopine would loom ridiculously high above the tree line in a largely flat landscape, and would be visible from our property. It will also be widely visible from the Pond and surrounding properties. Surely something on a less intrusive scale should be considered if any cell tower is to be approved in this rustic site.

We have been on Town Cove in West Tisbury since 1978, and have treasured the beauty of the view of the Great Pond and its surroundings, and the still rural aspect. A 70 to 80 foot tower or monopine in this neighborhood is just so far out of reasonable scale that we urge the Commission to disallow the existing proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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