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Martha's Vineyard Commission
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RE: DRI Review of Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless concerning the installation of a new Personal Wireless Service Facility on a 50' x 50' parcel at 21 New Lane, West Tisbury, Assessors Map 31, Lot 48

Dear Commissioners:

Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Applicant") is pleased to submit the attached Application for DRI Review regarding the installation of a new Personal Wireless Service Facility on a 50' x 50' leasehold parcel at 21 New Lane, West Tisbury, Assessor's Map 31, Lot 48 ("Subject Property"). Verizon Wireless currently has two wireless installations in West Tisbury, one on a tower at the Airport and another on the DEM tower on Firetower Hill. The purpose of the site that is the subject of this Application is to connect the coverage between those two sites and close the significant gaps that currently exist in Verizon Wireless' FCC licensed network in the vicinity of the Subject Property.

In keeping with the mandates of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw, a stealth and unobtrusive installation is proposed thereby minimizing visibility of the tower structure. The site compound will be located deep within a wooded area on the Subject Property. It is doubtful any portion of that compound will be visible from off-site. The tower itself is proposed to be either a monopole disguised as a conifer tree, also known in the industry as a "monopine," or, in the alternative, a simple stealth pole. There are pros and cons to each style, which also relate to their proposed heights and ability to host additional carrier co-locators. The West Tisbury ZBA has specifically asked to retain control over that aspect of the facility's design since visibility of the structure will occur almost exclusively within the borders of that Town and hence have no "regional" impact.

In addition, the vast majority of the MVC Act (Chapter 831) review and approval criterion normally used to analyze a project are specifically not applicable to this proposed unmanned, unoccupied, wireless telephone utility pole. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve and remand the project back to West Tisbury for further proceedings pursuant to that Town's Zoning Bylaws.

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Enclosed for your review and consideration are the following which are incorporated into and made a part of this Application – Note: The first three items (**in Bold**) are the most relevant and specific to the MVC's DRI Review analysis, whereas the remainder are provided as a courtesy, for the Commission's benefit, to demonstrate the extent of additional materials already provided to the West Tisbury ZBA:

- Tab 1: DRI Application Form**
- Tab 2: West Tisbury ZBA Referral**
- Tab 3: Summary Statement and Statement in Support of DRI Approval**
- Tab 4: Consent of Landowner
- Tab 5: Field Card, Tax Map, Subject Property Deed(s) & Notice of Lease
- Tab 6: Alternate Site Analysis & Site Acquisitions Affidavit
- Tab 7: FAA Height Analysis
- Tab 8: FCC Licenses
- Tab 9: RF Affidavit & Coverage Plots & Town RF Consultant Report
- Tab 10: RF Emissions Compliance Report
- Tab 11: Environmental Noise Impact Evaluation
- Tab 12: Real Estate Valuation Impact Report(s)
- Tab 13: Photo Examples of what is NOT being proposed
- Tab 14: Actual Monopine Images & Photo-Sims (Monopine & Stealth Pole)
- Tab 15: Site Plans & Elevation Drawings

The Applicant looks forward to its Public Hearing where the enclosed may be presented for your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Gehring & Associates, LLC

By _____
Carl W. Gehring, on behalf of Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation Ltd.
d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Enclosures & Attachments

cc: West Tisbury ZBA
Robert Doane – Trustee/Landowner
George Evsuk - Verizon Wireless Real Estate Department