

June 25, 2018

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Anthony Hood, Chairperson
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200-S
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Re: Application of Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon Wireless” or “Applicant”) in Case 04-08D/02-45 for Modification of Consequence of an Approved Planned Unit Development (Zoning Commission Order No. 02-45, 04-08, 04-08A, 04-08B, 04-08C) (“Original PUD”) to Allow a Temporary Cell on Wheels (“COW”) on Square 5868, Lot 0805 – Response to June 11, 2018 Public Meeting Requests

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission:

At the June 11, 2018 Public Meeting (“**Public Meeting**”) in which the above referenced application was considered, the Zoning Commission requested that the Applicant provide additional information with respect to potential permanent locations for the COW, maintenance plans, ANC involvement, and parties to the original PUD. This letter provides additional information in response to these requests.

I. Parties to the Original PUD

The Zoning Commission inquired as to the identity of the parties to the Original PUD. As confirmed by the Secretary to the Zoning Commission at the Public Meeting, ANC 8C was the only party to the Original PUD.

II. Outreach to ANC 8C and 8E

At the Public Meeting, the Zoning Commission inquired as to the Applicant’s communications with ANC 8C on the proposed modification of consequence. The Applicant has reached out repeatedly to the commissioners of both ANC 8C and ANC 8E by phone and via email. Despite these efforts, the Applicant has been unable to reach either ANC. The Applicant will continue to make efforts to communicate with ANC 8C and ANC 8E about the proposed modification of consequence.

III. Reason for Removal of the Applicant’s Antennas from Current Location

At the Public Meeting, the Zoning Commission requested additional background information as to why the Applicant's 12 antennas which are currently situated on an existing water tower on the St. Elizabeths campus must be removed. The existing water tower is being demolished. In Zoning Commission Case No. 10-06, the Zoning Commission approved a new water tower for DC Water. That tower is now in operation, rendering the old tower no longer necessary. Therefore, the Department of General Services has required the Applicant to remove its equipment.

IV. Potential Permanent Locations

The COW is intended to be a temporary installation that will be in place for two years. The Zoning Commission requested additional information about potential permanent locations for the Applicant's antennas.

1. DC Water Tower

The Applicant has repeatedly discussed with DC Water the possibility of leasing space on the new water tower at the St. Elizabeths campus to serve as a permanent antenna location. However, DC Water has indicated that it is not allowing any lease space on the new water tank for antennas.

2. Existing Lattice Tower

The Applicant has also investigated the option of locating its permanent antennas on the existing lattice tower on the St. Elizabeth's. As described in the Applicant's initial application dated as of May 2, 2018, this existing tower currently exceeds its structural capacity and cannot support additional antennas. A structural analysis letter describing this tower's capacity is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Applicant has offered to fund and undertake modifications to this existing lattice tower in order to accommodate its antennas on a permanent basis. However, the Department of General Services declined this offer.

3. New Department of General Services Tower

The Department of General Services also conducted a structural analysis of the existing lattice tower, which recommended that a new tower be constructed to cover existing and future weight loads. The Applicant hopes to collocate on this new tower to be constructed by the Department of General Services. In the event that the Department of General Services relocates the equipment that is currently attached to the existing lattice tower to the new tower, the existing lattice tower will no longer be over capacity and the Applicant may also collocate at that location.

4. Additional Locations

As shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, the Applicant is actively investigating other potential sites on which to locate its antennas on a permanent basis. Due to the pending developments in much of the area surrounding the St. Elizabeths campus, the Applicant is unable to anticipate the future status of all potential sites for the permanent location of the antennas.

V. Maintenance Plan

The Zoning Commission also requested additional details about the Applicant's proposed maintenance plan for the COW site. As indicated in the maintenance plan submitted with the Applicant's initial application dated as of May 2, 2018 and attached hereto as Exhibit C, the Applicant will conduct regular monitoring of the facility and will provide a phone number that is manned 24/7 for reporting issues for concerns. Additionally, upon completion of the term of installation, the Applicant will restore the condition of the area to its original condition and will seek signoff from the Department of General Services on the restoration, as reasonably possible.

Photographs of the proposed site's current condition are attached as Exhibit D. As shown in the photographs, the proposed site does not have extensive landscaping or plantings that will be affected by the installation of the COW. The Applicant will also provide photographs of the restored site, once the COW installation is removed.

VI. Conclusion

The Applicant looks forward to the Zoning Commission taking final action on this case at the July 9, 2018 Public Meeting. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or comments regarding this application.

Sincerely,


John T. Epting

Enclosures

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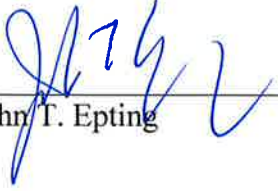
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