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RE: Blue Sky Towers III, LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and AT&T Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit and Rosenberg Variance Application Creek Road (Tax Map Nos. 113.00-5-7.1 (tower parcel) and 113.00-5-10.11 (easement parcel))

Mr. Gilchrist and Mr. Laberge:

I write on behalf of the above referenced applicants and in furtherance of their request for the necessary approvals from the Planning Board and Zoning Board to construct a wireless telecommunications facility on lands of Zouky.

During this period of social distancing and business closures, the applicants have made an effort to assemble additional information to be considered by the Boards in making a determination with respect to the alternative site locations that have been previously identified in the review process.

With respect to the large parcel (24.18+/- acres) west of the National Grid transmission right of way, we have approached the owner who was unwilling to provide business terms that allowed for a due diligence period to obtain the necessary approvals for the contemplated use. In addition the parcel is constrained by steep slopes and the deeds that have been issued to date out of this subdivision contain a restrictive covenant limiting the use to residential. Accordingly, this parcel does not present a viable alternative.

With respect to the Zouky property, the application has always contained and the discussions and submissions to the Boards addressed that there are three alternative potential lease parcels. On the below map, the three locations are identified and track the Visual Resource Evaluation (balloon fly) that was conducted. In that evaluation, the Applicants identified that for

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the locations to work from an RF perspective Option #1 would require a tower of 80 feet, Option #2 would require a tower of 150 feet or Option #3 would require a tower of 240 feet.



It has been our position that Option #3 at 240 feet tall and which requires lighting is not the ideal location. In an effort to provide additional information as to the relative visibility of Option 1 and Option 2, a drone fly was conducted in April 2020 which provides a panoramic viewshed from the proposed height of the tower. In addition, another location along the ridgeline where a shorter tower could be located was evaluated. The map below identifies the locations where the drone was flown.

In the below map, Location 1 coincides with lease area Option #1 which requires an antenna centerline of 80 feet. Location 2 below is a new alternative which is located southwest of Location 1 and which would require a 90 foot antenna centerline. Location 3 corresponds with the lease location for the proposed 150 monopole tower (adjusted 50 feet west between the rows of trees). In evaluating the videos that correspond to these locations, please note that at an antenna centerline of 80 feet (Location 1) or 90 feet (Location 2), each of these locations, owing to the relative tree height and short tower height, could be built as a stealth monopine tree. However, for a stealth tree to have an accurate appearance, 15 feet of branching is required above the antenna centerline.

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The separately attached videos are entitled:

Pinewoods\_Location 1\_80ft; Pinewoods\_Location 2\_90ft; and Pinewoods\_Location 3\_150ft



We expect that the enclosed information will assist the Boards in identifying a preferred alternative and design and will allow this matter to proceed to a determination.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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