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Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: 9-B-16-UR - Verizon Cell Use on Review Application

Dear Mr. Greene:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the above referenced Use on Review Application filed by Verizon Wireless.

I live in Holston Hills, neighboring Burlington, and pass by and through the historic Burlington neighborhood on a regular basis.

Mike Reynolds' report states:

In the Wireless Communication Facilities Plan, Section 5, Objective 4 states, "Protect revitalization and redevelopment areas, historic districts and other areas of considerable public investment." It further requires compliance with Section 106 of the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires review of telecommunications facilities to prevent degradation of historic or architectural resources.

I attended the East/Northeast Knoxville Economic Summit. The Burlington break-out session drew the largest crowd and several individuals voiced plans and funding that can and will be realized. The Burlington revitalization is a certainty, its historic district designation is a certainty, and the erection of this cell tower, as proposed, will degrade the perception and damage these revitalization efforts.

Verizon's representatives have summarily dismissed other locations suggested by Town Hall East and the Burlington Association and there is no evidence in your record that Verizon has seriously evaluated other locations for a new tower. Controlling federal law requires Verizon to make a "Good Faith" effort to find other technologically viable locations. The current MPC record contains only evidence of no space available on existing towers - "[t]he applicant states that there are no existing structures in the area that can be used for antenna placement to obtain the required coverage" -evidence that is completely irrelevant to a new tower application.

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The Verizon monopole as proposed will be 125 feet high and satisfy the 110% set back requirements. However, as Verizon's application makes clear, their intention is to increase the height to 150 feet. As a result within a short period of time the tower height will be less than 110% away from the Hardees location without consequence. That factor alone should dictate denial of the application.

In closing it is clear that FCC rules and regulations require Verizon to provide evidence of its efforts and inability to locate other viable locations. The record is bereft of this evidence. Please deny this use on review application as it fails to satisfy federal rules and guidelines as well as Knoxville zoning regulations.

Yours truly,



Brenda G. Brooks