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**Via email - joseph.farwell@verizonwireless.com**

Joe Farwell  
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**RE: Villages of Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills & Western Springs – Small Wireless Facilities**

Dear Joe:

We have been advised by the Villages of Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills and Western Springs that they are each in receipt of letters from you, dated March 23, 2020, stating your intention to begin to submit applications for the placement of small wireless facilities within Village rights-of-way. As you know, Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. represents all three communities. I have been asked by the three communities to provide an initial response to your letter.

I know that you are keenly aware of the amount of anxiety and alarm Verizon’s plans to roll out small wireless facilities in these particular communities has caused, which has led to packed meetings, protests, and the mobilization of large groups of alarmed residents besieging Village staff and elected officials with requests and demands. This, in turn, has resulted in enormous expense to those communities, both in staff time, and in money paid to various legal, technical and political consultants. As you are also well aware, the environment surrounding small cell rollout in these communities is, as a result of the foregoing community involvement, concern and scrutiny, in stark contrast to other communities in the Chicagoland area where Verizon is in the process of submitting applications for small cell installations.

I also presume that you are aware of the current Covid-19 epidemic, as well as the various emergency orders issued by Governor Pritzker. What you may not fully understand is the severe impacts the epidemic and emergency conditions have had on local governments. Staffs are struggling each day with a myriad of new and challenging issues with limited resources and in an ever-shifting environment.

While I don’t dispute your right to submit applications, your untimely proposal to introduce them into this already volatile environment, and the staff demands, cost and expense in time and money associated with reviewing your applications, and the associated predictable community outcry, demands and scrutiny that will accompany such review, are extremely unwelcome during this time of emergency. Your letter has been met by the various Villages with, to put it kindly, dismay.

While you say Verizon is willing to work with the Village on compliance with the applicable shot clocks, the Village already has the right to toll the shot clocks on any applications you submit pursuant to Section 15(d)(10)(B) of the State Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act (50 ILCS 840/15(d)(10)(B)), which authorizes a local authority to toll the shotclocks for delays caused by a local, State, or federal disaster. The communities fully intend to utilize this provision in the event you proceed with applications.

In closing, I have no idea what has prompted Verizon to think that the introduction of small cell applications is an appropriate action to take during this time of this declared emergency.

Should you have any questions based on the above, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,  
KLEIN, THORPE AND JENKINS, LTD.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Marrs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'A'.

Michael A. Marrs

cc: Kathleen Gargano, Village Manager, Village of Hinsdale (via email)  
Kevin Barr, Village Manager, Village of Clarendon Hills (via email)  
Ingrid Velkme, Village Manager, Village of Western Springs (via email)