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NOTICE OF APPLICATION And Balloon Test Mailed On December 17, 2015

Project Name & Location: Verizon Wireless – Steamboat Island – Eld Inlet, Wireless Communication Facility (WCF), 5541 Steamboat Island Rd NW, Olympia, WA 98502, Parcel No. 13925220106.

Land Use Case #: 2015107101, Sequence #: 15 119007 ZM (Special Use Permit)

An application for the project listed above was submitted to Thurston County on October 9, 2015 by Verizon Wireless (Applicant), Paul Slotemaker, AICP (Point of contact) and Robert Skillman (Property owner). The application was deemed to be complete for the purpose of beginning the project review on November 7, 2015. This application and any related documents are available for public review during normal business hours at the Permit Assistance Center on the second floor of Building #1, Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. For additional information, please contact Scott McCormick, MES, Associate Planner by calling 754-3355, ext. 6372 or emailing mccorms@co.thurston.wa.us.

Project Description: Request for Special Use Permit approval to install an unmanned telecommunications facility consisting of a 150-foot tall monopole with six (6) panel antennas and associated equipment cabinets. This proposal includes a 30' by 40' (1,200 sq.ft.) fenced lease area. A 20-foot access and utility easement located off Steamboat Island Road is proposed. The subject property is 11.85 acres in size, located in the Rural Residential Resource 1/5 (RRR 1/5) zoning district in unincorporated Thurston County. The site contains an existing residence and accessory structures. Wireless Communication Facilities (WCFs) involving new towers are reviewed through a Special Use Permit by Hearing Examiner.

Notice of 2nd Balloon Test: In order to further evaluate visual impacts, including from the Puget Sound a second balloon test indicating the height of the proposed WCF monopole tower (150-ft) will be conducted for 8 consecutive daylight hours between 7am – 7 pm on January 8, 2016 (primary) or January 22, 2016 (secondary) if weather does not permit the January 8th balloon flight.

Permits Requested by the Applicant: Special Use Permit for new Wireless Communication Facility.

Environmental and Other Documents Submitted with the Application: Master Application, Special Use Permit Application, Project narrative, Environmental Checklist, Balloon Test, Site Plans and technical documentation.

Additional Information or Project Studies Requested by the County: Third party review of technical reports and documents, provide balloon test and balloon test photos from Totten Inlet.

No preliminary determination of consistency with County development regulations has been made. At minimum, this project will be subject to the following plans and regulations: Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, Thurston County Zoning Ordinance (TCC 20), Critical Areas Ordinance (TCC 24), Stormwater Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual (TCC 15.05), Uniform Building Code (TCC 14), State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Ordinance (TCC 17.09), and Road Design Standards (TCC 15.05).

Thurston County invites your comments early in the review of this proposal. Comments should be directed to Scott McCormick, MES, Associate Planner at the address listed below or email to mccorms@co.thurston.wa.us.

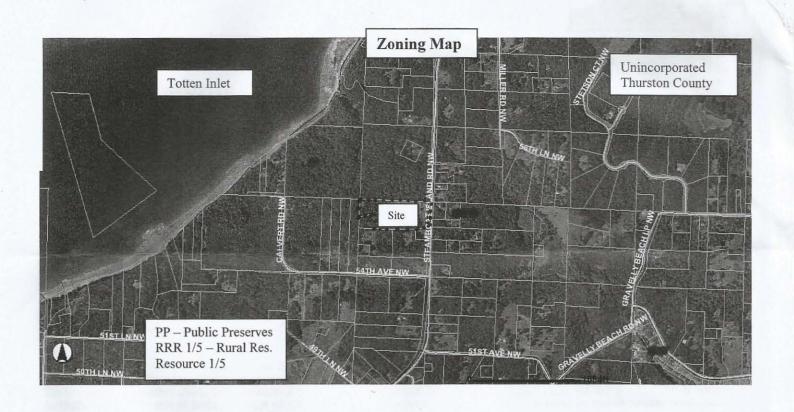
THE 20-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS AT 4:00 PM ON JANUARY 6, 2016

This notice has been provided to appropriate local and state agencies, tribes, sub-area project list subscribers, and property owners within 2,600 feet of the project site. These recipients, and any others who submit a written request to be placed on the mailing list, will also receive the following items when available: Notice of Public Hearing. The Hearing Examiner decision will be mailed to all those who participate in the public hearing and to anyone else requesting the decision in writing. Additionally, there will be a 14-day public comment period when the environmental determination is issued. Opportunities for appeal occur within seven (7) days of the end of the environmental comment period for those who submit written comments and within fourteen (14) days of the Hearing Examiner decision for any aggrieved party.

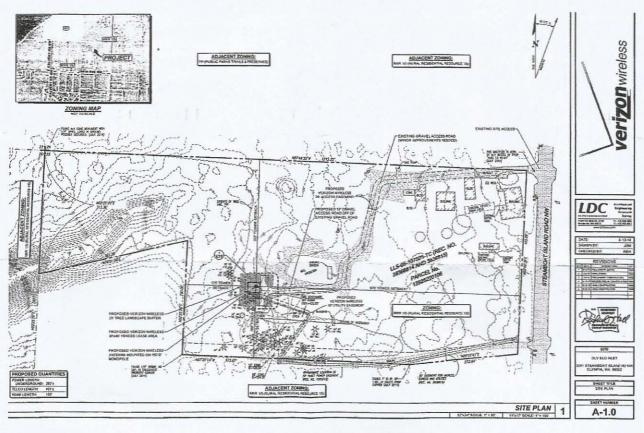
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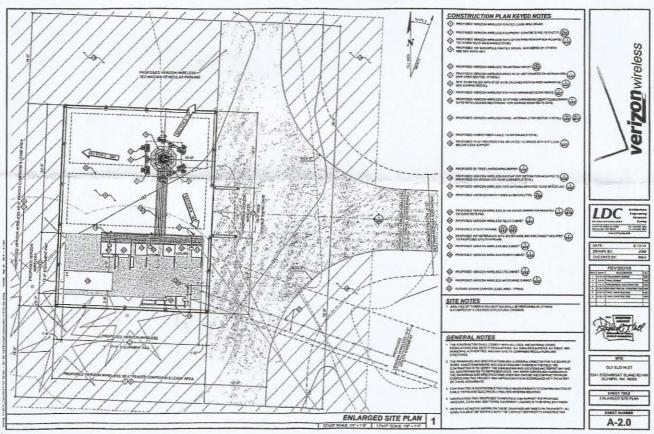
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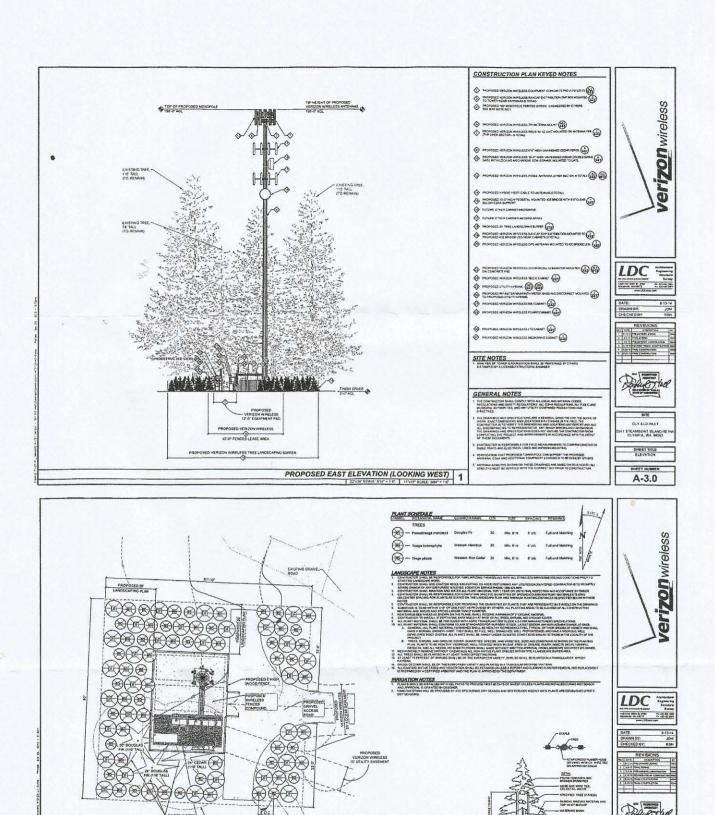
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