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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Mayor Michael J. Volpe
Village of Pelham
195 Sparks Avenue
Pelham, NY 10803

**Re: Shared-Resource Public Safety and Wireless Telecommunications Facility
New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Lands
East of Hutchinson River Parkway Exit 9 at East Sanford Blvd.
Village of Pelham**

Dear Mayor Volpe:

As you may be aware in November 1997 Crown Castle International Corporation, the parent company of Crown Communication New York, Inc. ("Crown"), entered into a service contract with the State of New York to manage the State's real estate assets for wireless telecommunication purposes. This is a public-private shared resource agreement that covers properties and Rights-of-Way owned by New York State.

The State's Telecommunications Site Manager Contract provides numerous benefits to the taxpayers of New York, some of which include:

- Meeting the State's obligations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, by providing fair, open and competitive access to all commercial carriers.
- Securing infrastructure for governmental and public safety telecommunication needs at minimal cost to the taxpayers.
- Co-location of multiple carriers and municipally-owned equipment on each site is encouraged and is a State objective to minimize the proliferation of the total number of facilities that will be built.
- Securing professional advice for State agencies concerning the deployment of new wireless technologies to meet emerging State needs.
- Providing alternative locations for meeting the demand for wireless communications in the counties, towns and villages of New York State.
- Ensuring compliance with State and Federal health and safety regulations.

Recently, in order to meet the goals of the State's Telecommunications Site Manager Contract, Crown proposed to install a new State-owned 130-foot monopole on the lands of NYSDOT just east of Hutchinson River Parkway Exit 9 at East Sanford Boulevard in the Village with space reserved to support antennas used by New York State at its top, and antennas of Verizon Wireless at the 120-foot level and future commercial wireless and governmental co-locators at lower levels on the monopole, together with ground equipment in a fenced compound at the base thereof. Copies of the proposed site plan, a view shed map and photographic simulations are enclosed.

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The NYSDOT has granted approval to Crown to commence a preliminary site evaluation for the construction of a wireless telecommunications facility at this location. The site is governed by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and not by local law. The DOT is designating itself as Lead Agency for the purpose of SEQRA.

It is our goal to work jointly with the Village to help eradicate current gaps in cell phone coverage and to comply with the State's obligations under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. We wish to publicly meet with town representatives, local elected officials, and residents of the Village of Pelham to explain the proposal and address any questions or comments. This meeting is a vital effort (public outreach) that Crown will perform to discuss the proposed placement of an antenna at the captioned location.

In the spirit of open government, the DOT and Crown welcome an opportunity to be placed on your board's public meeting agenda to discuss the benefits of this telecommunications initiative. In this regard, please contact us to schedule a meeting and/or forward any comments regarding this proposal within the next four (4) weeks. If we do not hear from you within that timeframe, we will assume that the Village has no comments on this proposal.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this initiative, kindly have your staff contact Lawrence J. Dean of Crown at (518) 373-3505 to assist you further on this proposal.

Very truly yours,



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