

Memorandum and Order

Procedural Order #3 In the Matter of DP 4944 Maine RSA #4, Inc. d/b/a U.S. Cellular Corporation Big Lake Township, Washington County, Maine


On August 13, 2014, the Land Use Planning Commission (“Commission”) held a public hearing on the application of Maine RSA #4, Inc. d/b/a U.S. Cellular Corporation (“USCC,” with an agent’s address of Black Diamond Consultants, Inc., Attn: James Hébert, PO Box 57, Gardiner, ME, 04345) to develop a Utility Facility, specifically a 250 foot telecommunications tower, on property owned by Christopher Cochran located off of West Street in Big Lake Township (shown in the Registry of Deeds as Map 4, Lot 25), Washington County. In accordance with Procedural Order #2, dated September 16, 2014, the record of this hearing in this matter closed October 17, 2014.

Pursuant to Chapter 5, section 5.18(3) of the Commission’s Rules, the Commission is reopening the record in this matter for the limited purpose of allowing USCC or its agent to provide additional information responsive to questions raised by the Commissioners at their October 8, 2014 meeting regarding the relative impacts of permitting a telecommunications tower 250 feet high, as proposed by DP 4944, compared to alternative, shorter tower heights. This additional information may include, for example, the results of a drive test planned by USCC evaluating coverage that would be provided by different height towers.

The new deadlines for submitting written comments are as follows: the record of the hearing is reopened until Friday, January 9, 2015 to receive written statements from USCC or its agent, and for an additional seven days until Friday, January 16, 2015 for the purpose of receiving written rebuttal comments to any submissions made by or on behalf of USCC. No additional evidence or testimony will be allowed into the record after the close of the record.

This memorandum and order is issued by the Presiding Officer pursuant to the Commission’s Chapter 5 Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings.

DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

By: 
Gwen Hilton, Presiding Officer