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November 16, 2012

Chairman Mary Hughes Hynes
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: U-2823-94-4 Use Permit Amendment
Agenda item #6 on November 17, 2012

Dear Ms. Hynes:

The Donaldson Run Civic Association (DRCA) has examined Sprint's request for a use permit amendment for their installation at the Lee Heights Pumping Station. Recognizing that federal law dictates that as long as the emissions from the site comply with FCC regulations, local government's ability to regulate such sites is restricted, DRCA does not oppose the present application. However, we would like to draw attention to some concerns we have related to the annual emissions tests that are required under the existing use permit. They are:

- 1) The most recent report that we received measured only "Occupational MPE" (maximum permissible exposure) for those who are exposed as a consequence of their employment (e.g. wireless radio engineers, technicians etc.). It did not include the measurement for the more stringent MPE for general population/uncontrolled exposure, which is the concern of the neighbors who live closest to the Sprint installation. **We would like to have the calculation for the MPE for the general population included in all future emissions reports.**
- 2) **We support the staff recommendation that an emissions test be conducted one month after the new antennas become operational.**
- 3) In the past, more often than not, DRCA has had to alert staff that an annual emissions test was overdue. **We believe that Sprint should perform these tests annually on its own initiative without needing a reminder from the neighborhood.**

There is one final area of concern that may not be germane to Sprint's current application, but did raise questions among the neighbors. That is the signage and security of the area around the Lee Pumping Station. We do not know what is required for such a facility, and we want to be sure that this area meets all federal and other regulations required for such a facility. One sign advising workers about the presence of radio frequency in the area was recently removed from the site. Space under the water tower is presently being used as a staging area for a water main replacement project, and the gate is often open during the day. **We would appreciate it if staff would investigate the conditions on site to ensure that it complies with all regulations concerning security and signage.**

Thank you for your serious consideration of our requests. I look forward to sharing your response with others in the DRCA community.

Sincerely,
Anne Wilson
President
Donaldson Run Civic Association