

March 16, 2023

TO:	Council Members
FROM:	Melanie Bachman, Executive Director HAB
RE:	DOCKET NO. 513 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Parcel No. 258-10C-001, Mason Hill Road, Litchfield, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut. The Town of Thomaston is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for Community Antenna Television and Telecommunication Facilities*, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the <u>Waterbury Republican American</u>.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to CGS §16-50m, the Council must schedule a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. At least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. The Council must also designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. In accordance with CGS § 16-50m and Public Act No. 22-3, staff recommends holding a remote public hearing via Zoom conferencing on May 4, 2023, and depositing the transcript in the Litchfield and Thomaston Town Halls.

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Enclosure: Schedule



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Application received	03/01/23
Completeness review	03/16/23
Council Interrogatories	
• Set-One Filed	TBD
Set-One responses due	TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	03/29/23
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and	04/20/23
Intervenors	
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and Responses to	04/27/23
Interrogatories	
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	04/27/23
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public	05/04/23
comment session via Zoom conferencing	
(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 513 project	
webpage for Zoom conferencing log in/call in)	
Continued Evidentiary Session(s)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	05/04/23
Close of Public Comment Period	06/03/23
Draft Findings of Fact	06/08/23
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	06/22/23
Deadline for Decision	07/29/23

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