

1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT
2 CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

3
4 DOCKET NO. 519

5 Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon
6 Wireless for a Certificate of Environmental
7 Compatibility and Public Need for the
8 construction, maintenance, and operation of a
9 telecommunications facility located at 11
10 Chamberlain Road, East Windsor, Connecticut

11 VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE

12 Public Comment Session held on Tuesday,
13 February 27, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
14 via remote access.

15 H e l d B e f o r e:

16 JOHN MORISSETTE, Presiding Officer

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25 Reporter: Lisa L. Warner, CSR #061

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25 **Also present: CARLO F. CENTORE, P.E.**
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1 MR. MORISSETTE: Good evening, ladies
2 and gentlemen. This hearing is called to order
3 this Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. My
4 name is John Morissette, member and presiding
5 officer of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other
6 members of the Council are Brian Golembiewski,
7 designee for Commissioner Katie Dykes of the
8 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;
9 Robert Silvestri; Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.; and Chance
10 Carter.

11 Members of the staff are Executive
12 Director Melanie Bachman; Siting Analyst Adam
13 Morrone; and administrative support, Lisa Fontaine
14 and Dakota LaFountain.

15 If you haven't done so already, I ask
16 that everyone please mute their computer audio
17 and/or telephones now.

18 This is a continuation of a public
19 hearing that began at 2 p.m. this afternoon. A
20 copy of the prepared agenda is available on the
21 Council's Docket Number 519 webpage, along with
22 the record of this matter, the public hearing
23 notice, and instructions for public access to this
24 public hearing, and the Council's Citizens Guide
25 to Siting Council Procedures.

1 This hearing is held pursuant to the
2 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
3 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
4 Procedure Act upon an application from Cellco
5 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a
6 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
7 Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and
8 operation of a telecommunications facility located
9 at 11 Chamberlain Road, East Windsor, Connecticut.
10 A complete application was received by the Council
11 on December 28, 2023.

12 This application is also governed by
13 the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which is
14 administered by the Federal Communications
15 Commission. This Act prohibits this Council from
16 considering the health effects of radio frequency
17 emissions on human health and wildlife to the
18 extent the emissions from the towers are within
19 the federal acceptable safe limits standard, which
20 standard is also followed by the state Department
21 of Public Health. The Federal Act also prohibits
22 this Council from discriminating between and
23 amongst providers of functionally equivalent
24 services. This means that if one carrier already
25 provides service for an area, other carriers have

1 a right to compete and provide service in the same
2 area.

3 The Council's legal notice of the date
4 and time of this public hearing was published in
5 The Journal Inquirer on January 6, 2024. Upon
6 this Council's request, the applicant erected a
7 sign in the vicinity of the proposed site so as to
8 inform the public of the name of the applicant,
9 the type of facility, the public hearing date, and
10 contact information for the Council, including the
11 website and phone number.

12 Please be advised that the Council's
13 project evaluation criteria under the statute does
14 not include consideration of property values.

15 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
16 communication with a member of the Council or a
17 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of
18 this application is prohibited by law.

19 This remote public comment session is
20 reserved for members of the public who signed up
21 in advance to make brief statements into the
22 record. The deadline for the public to sign up to
23 speak during this public comment session was
24 Monday, February 26, 2024. No member of the
25 public signed up to speak. Please be advised that

1 written comments may be submitted by any person
2 within 30 days of this public hearing.

3 I request the applicant make a brief,
4 very brief presentation to the public describing
5 the proposed facility. And I believe Mr. Centore
6 is going to make that presentation.

7 MR. CENTORE: Yes. Good evening.

8 MR. MORISSETTE: Good evening.

9 MR. CENTORE: Verizon Wireless is
10 proposing to put a 120 foot tower in a 50-by-50
11 fenced compound on the northeast corner of the
12 existing parcel located at 11 Chamberlain Road.
13 An access drive is proposed off of the southeast
14 corner of the property right off of Chamberlain
15 Road. It's a 12 foot wide gravel access drive
16 that will lead up to the site.

17 The development consists of creation of
18 that drive, the routing of underground utilities
19 from the road to the proposed facility,
20 construction of the access road, along with
21 drainage improvements. I'll have you please turn
22 to slide C-3 which may shown some of those
23 drainage improvements. It's not in there. Okay.

24 So the access road, construction of
25 that road, improved drainage swales and basins for

1 settlement of water. The compound will house
2 Verizon's equipment on a concrete pad and provide
3 space for future carriers to also locate on this
4 site.

5 I think the last sheet shows the
6 construction of the facility. The antennas are
7 mounted at a height of 115 feet to the centerline
8 of Verizon's antennas. The top of the tower is
9 120 feet. And provisions are made to accommodate
10 another three carriers on this tower, along with
11 ground space for additional carriers. That
12 concludes my presentation.

13 MR. MORISSETTE: Thank you, Mr.
14 Centore.

15 Before closing this hearing, the
16 Connecticut Siting Council announces that briefs
17 and proposed findings of fact may be filed with
18 the Council by any party or intervenor no later
19 than March 28, 2024. The submission of briefs or
20 proposed findings of fact are not required by this
21 Council; rather, we leave it to the choice of the
22 parties and intervenors.

23 Anyone who has not become a party or
24 intervenor, but who desires to make his or her
25 views known to the Council, may file written

1 statements to the Council within 30 days of the
2 date hereof.

3 The Council will issue draft findings
4 of fact, and thereafter parties and intervenors
5 may identify errors or inconsistencies between the
6 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
7 However, no new information, no new evidence, no
8 arguments and no reply briefs, without our
9 permission, will be considered by the Council.

10 Copies of the transcript of this
11 hearing will be filed in the East Windsor Town
12 Clerk's Office.

13 I hereby declare this hearing
14 adjourned. And thank you, everyone, for your
15 participation, and have a good evening. Thank
16 you.

17 (Whereupon, the above proceedings
18 concluded at 6:38 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE FOR REMOTE HEARING

I hereby certify that the foregoing 8 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original stenotype notes taken of the PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION before the CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL IN RE: DOCKET NO. 519, Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 11 Chamberlain Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, PRESIDING OFFICER, on February 27, 2024.



Lisa L. Warner, CSR 061
Court Reporter