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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL



DOCKET NO. 491

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
110 Yantic Lane, Norwich, Connecticut

VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE

Hearing held on Thursday, October 29, 2020,
beginning at 6:30 p.m. via remote access.

H e l d B e f o r e :

ROBERT SILVESTRI, Presiding Officer

Reporter: Debra A. Chasse, CSR #055

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4 **Verizon Wireless:**

5 **ROBINSON & COLE, LLP**

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18:30:18 1 MR. SILVESTRI: Good evening, all.
18:30:19 2 I trust that my audio is working okay. This remote
18:30:24 3 public hearing is called to order this Thursday,
18:30:27 4 October 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. My name is Robert
18:30:33 5 Silvestri, member and presiding officer of the
18:30:35 6 Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the
18:30:38 7 Council are Nicole Lugli, Designee for Commissioner
18:30:41 8 Katie Dykes with the Department of Energy and
18:30:44 9 Environmental Protection, Quat Nguyen, Designee for
18:30:48 10 Chair Marissa Paslick Gillett of the Public Utilities
18:30:48 11 Regulatory Authority, John Morissette, Michael Harder,
18:30:57 12 Edward Edelson, and Daniel P. Lynch, Junior. Members
18:31:00 13 of the staff are Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
18:31:04 14 and Staff Attorney, Ifeanyi Nwamkwo, Siting Analyst,
18:31:07 15 Lisa Fontaine, Fiscal Administrative Officer.

18:31:10 16 As everyone is keenly aware, there
18:31:13 17 is currently a statewide effort to prevent the spread
18:31:15 18 of the Coronavirus. This is why the Council is holding
18:31:19 19 this remote public hearing, and we ask for your
18:31:22 20 patience. If you haven't done so already, I ask that
18:31:25 21 everyone please mute their computer audio and/or
18:31:28 22 telephone right now.

18:31:29 23 This is a continuation of a remote
18:31:31 24 public hearing that began at 2 p.m. this afternoon. A
18:31:35 25 copy of the prepared agenda is available on the

18:31:40 1 Council's Docket No. 491 webpage, along with the record
18:31:41 2 of this matter, the public hearing notice, instructions
18:31:45 3 for public access to this remote public hearing, and
18:31:48 4 the Council's Citizen's Guide to Siting Council
18:31:48 5 Procedures.

18:31:48 6 This hearing is held pursuant to the
18:31:54 7 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
18:31:57 8 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative Procedure
18:32:01 9 Act upon an application from Celco Partnership, doing
18:32:04 10 business as Verizon Wireless, for a Certificate of
18:32:07 11 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
18:32:12 12 construction, maintenance, and operation of a
18:32:14 13 telecommunications facility located at 110 Yantic Lane
18:32:18 14 in Norwich, Connecticut. This application was received
18:32:22 15 by the Council on July 7, 2020.

18:32:26 16 The Council's legal notice of the
18:32:28 17 date and time of this remote public hearing was
18:32:31 18 published in the Norwich Bulletin on August 29, 2020.
18:32:35 19 Upon this Council's request, the applicant erected a
18:32:39 20 sign at the proposed site so as to inform the public of
18:32:42 21 the name of the applicant, the type of the facility,
18:32:45 22 the remote public hearing date, and contact information
18:32:48 23 for the Council.

18:32:49 24 This remote public comment session
18:32:51 25 is reserved for the public to make brief statements

18:32:54 1 into the record. The deadline for the public to sign
18:32:57 2 up to speak during this public comment session was
18:33:01 3 Thursday, October 22, 2020. No member of the public
18:33:05 4 signed up to speak, but please be advised that written
18:33:08 5 comments may be submitted by any person within 30 days
18:33:14 6 of the public hearing.

18:33:15 7 I request the applicant to make a
18:33:17 8 very brief presentation to the public for those that
18:33:20 9 might be listening and watching that describes the
18:33:23 10 proposed facility.

18:33:24 11 Attorney Baldwin, would you do that,
18:33:26 12 please?

18:33:27 13 MR. BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr.
18:33:28 14 Silvestri. Again, Ken Baldwin with Robinson & Cole on
18:33:30 15 behalf of the applicant, Cellco Partnership, doing
18:33:34 16 business as Verizon Wireless. As shown on sheet C-1
18:33:40 17 from the project plans that are included in the
18:33:44 18 application, Cellco is proposing a facility on a
18:33:50 19 115-acre parcel at 110 Yantic Lane. This map shows the
18:33:57 20 entire 115-acre parcel with the south side located
18:34:01 21 approximately 400 feet south of the existing Norwich
18:34:07 22 Public Utility water tank.

18:34:08 23 As shown on sheet C-2 of the same
18:34:13 24 plan set, this shows proximity of the proposed south
18:34:20 25 site to the existing water tank and the proposed

18:34:23 1 utility access to the facility, to the
18:34:27 2 telecommunications facility, from Philanne Drive over
18:34:31 3 an existing access way in place and used to access the
18:34:38 4 public utilities water tank.

18:34:41 5 On sheet C-3 of the same plan set,
18:34:47 6 the facility details are shown, and they include a
18:34:52 7 110-foot monopole tower within a 50-foot by 50-foot
18:34:57 8 fenced compound. At the top of the tower, Verizon will
18:35:02 9 install six antennas and remote radio heads on a
18:35:07 10 triangular platform. The antennas will extend above
18:35:12 11 the top of the tower to a height approximately 113 feet
18:35:15 12 above ground level. Radio equipment, a backup
18:35:20 13 generator, and a propane tank will be installed within
18:35:24 14 the facility compound and that is shown in the upper
18:35:28 15 left-hand portion of sheet C-4. I think I said C-3
18:35:34 16 earlier.

18:35:35 17 Access to the facility was
18:35:39 18 originally proposed to come off of Yantic Lane on an
18:35:44 19 existing driveway. That access way is still available
18:35:47 20 to Verizon. Access has also been -- rights to access
18:35:52 21 has also been obtained over an existing access driveway
18:35:56 22 for utilities and vehicular access to the south side
18:36:03 23 off of Philanne Drive.

18:36:03 24 Thank you, Mr. Silvestri.

18:36:06 25 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you, Attorney

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Baldwin.

Again, no member of the public signed up to speak, but please be advised written comment may be submitted by any person within 30 days of this public hearing.

Before closing the evidentiary record of this matter, the Connecticut Siting Council announces that briefs and proposed findings of fact may be filed with the Council by any party or intervenor no later than November 28, 2020. The submission of briefs or proposed findings of fact are not required by this Council. Rather, we leave it to the choice of the parties and to the intervenors.

Anyone who has not become a party or intervenor, but who desires to make his or her views known to the Council, may file written statements with the Council within 30 days of the date hereof.

The Council will issue draft findings of fact and, thereafter, parties and intervenors may identify errors or inconsistencies between the Council's draft findings of fact and the record; however, no new information or new evidence, no argument, or no reply briefs without our permission, will be considered by the Council.

Copies of the transcript of this

18:37:16 1 hearing will be filed at the Norwich and Bozrah Town
18:37:16 2 Clerk's Offices.

18:37:20 3 I hereby declare this hearing
18:37:23 4 adjourned. I thank you all for your participation, and
18:37:26 5 be careful with the weather we're going to have tonight
18:37:29 6 and tomorrow. Thank you very much.

18:37:31 7 MR. BALDWIN: Thank you.

18:37:31 8 (Whereupon, the public comment
18:37:32 9 session was concluded at 6:37 p.m.)

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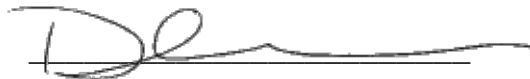
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CERTIFICATE FOR REMOTE HEARING

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

I, Debra A. Chasse, CSR 055, a Notary Public
duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify
that the foregoing 9 pages are a complete and accurate
computer-aided transcription of my original stenotype
notes taken of the PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING HELD BY
REMOTE MEANS IN Re: DOCKET NO. 491 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 110 YANTIC LANE,
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT, which was held before ROBERT
SILVESTRI, Presiding Officer, on October 29, 2020.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand this 13th day of November 2020.



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