

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

September 15, 2021

MJ Umali Site Acquisition Consultant c/o Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Centerline Communications, LLC 750 West Center Street, Floor 3 West Bridgewater, MA 02379 mumali@centerlinecommunications.com

RE: **EM-VER-153-210805** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 655 Bassett Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

#### Dear MJ Umali:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence of September 10, 2021 submitted in response to the Council's September 7, 2021 notification of an incomplete request for exempt modification with regard to the above-referenced matter.

The submission renders the request for exempt modification complete and the Council will process the request in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission 60-day timeframe.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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September 10, 2021

Melanie A. Bachman Acting Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

**RE:** EM-VER-153-210805 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 655 Bassett Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

In response to Council Incomplete Letter for Multiple Telecommunications Facilities dated September 7, 2021, please see the following attachments outlined below per council requests:

- 1. Proof of mailing to Chief Elected Official of host municipality and underlying property owner
  - a. Delivery Confirmation to Chief Elected Official UPS Label: 1Z9Y45030300431628
  - b. Delivery Confirmation to Property Owner UPS Label: 1Z9Y45030318487643
- 2. Original Facility Approval with municipality
- 3. Original Filing sent to CSC from

# **Proof of Delivery**

Dear Customer,

This notice serves as proof of delivery for the shipment listed below.

## **Tracking Number**

1Z9Y45030300431628

#### Weight

1.00 LBS

#### **Service**

**UPS** Ground

## Shipped / Billed On

07/30/2021

#### **Delivered On**

08/05/2021 12:42 P.M.

#### **Delivered To**

61 ECHO LAKE RD WATERTOWN, CT, 06795, US

## **Received By**

**CLERK** 

#### **Left At**

Receiver

## **Reference Number(s)**

WATERTOWN NE CT, 283424

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve you. Details are only available for shipments delivered within the last 120 days. Please print for your records if you require this information after 120 days.

Sincerely,

**UPS** 

Tracking results provided by UPS: 09/08/2021 11:02 A.M. EST

# **Proof of Delivery**

Dear Customer,

This notice serves as proof of delivery for the shipment listed below.

## **Tracking Number**

1Z9Y45030318487643

#### Weight

1.00 LBS

#### **Service**

**UPS** Ground

## Shipped / Billed On

07/30/2021

#### **Delivered On**

08/05/2021 6:19 P.M.

#### **Delivered To**

655 BASSETT RD WATERTOWN, CT, 06795, US

## **Received By**

DRIVER RELEASE

#### **Left At**

Met Customer

## **Reference Number(s)**

WATERTOWN NE CT, 283424

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Sincerely,

**UPS** 

Tracking results provided by UPS: 09/08/2021 11:04 A.M. EST

DOCKET NO. 422 – North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New }
Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the }
construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Bassett Road, }
Watertown, Connecticut.

Connecticut

May 10, 2012

#### **Decision and Order**

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that the effects associated with the construction, maintenance, and management of a telecommunications facility, including effects on the natural environment; ecological integrity and balance; public health and safety; scenic, historic, and recreational values; forests and parks; air and water purity; and fish and wildlife are not disproportionate, either alone or cumulatively with other effects, when compared to need, are not in conflict with the policies of the State concerning such effects, and are not sufficient reason to deny the application, and therefore directs that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, as provided by General Statutes § 16-50k, be issued to North Atlantic Towers, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the Certificate Holder, for a telecommunications facility at the updated location at 655 Bassett Road, Watertown, Connecticut. The Council denies certification of the facility location proposed in the Certificate Holder's original application for the same property.

Unless otherwise approved by the Council, the facility shall be constructed, operated, and maintained substantially as specified in the Council's record in this matter, and subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The tower shall be constructed as a monopine, no taller than necessary to provide the proposed telecommunications services, sufficient to accommodate the antennas of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and other entities, both public and private, but such tower shall not exceed a height of 130 feet above ground level.
- 2. The Certificate Holder shall prepare a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this site in compliance with Sections 16-50j-75 through 16-50j-77 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The D&M Plan shall be served on the Town of Watertown for comment, and all parties and intervenors as listed in the service list, and submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of facility construction and shall include:
  - a) a final site plan(s) of site development to include specifications for the tower, tower foundation, antennas, equipment compound, radio equipment, access road, utility line, and landscaping; and
  - b) construction plans for site clearing, grading, landscaping, water drainage, and erosion and sedimentation controls consistent with the <u>2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control</u>, as amended.

- 3. Prior to the commencement of operation, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council worst-case modeling of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density of all proposed entities' antennas at the closest point of uncontrolled access to the tower base, consistent with Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin No. 65, August 1997. The Certificate Holder shall ensure a recalculated report of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density be submitted to the Council if and when circumstances in operation cause a change in power density above the levels calculated and provided pursuant to this Decision and Order.
- 4. Upon the establishment of any new State or federal radio frequency standards applicable to frequencies of this facility, the facility granted herein shall be brought into compliance with such standards.
- 5. The Certificate Holder shall permit public or private entities to share space on the proposed tower for fair consideration, or shall provide any requesting entity with specific legal, technical, environmental, or economic reasons precluding such tower sharing.
- 6. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed with at least one fully operational wireless telecommunications carrier providing wireless service within eighteen months from the date of the mailing of the Council's Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order (collectively called "Final Decision"), this Decision and Order shall be void, and the Certificate Holder shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made. The time between the filing and resolution of any appeals of the Council's Final Decision shall not be counted in calculating this deadline. Authority to monitor and modify this schedule, as necessary, is delegated to the Executive Director. The Certificate Holder shall provide written notice to the Executive Director of any schedule changes as soon as is practicable.
- 7. Any request for extension of the time period referred to in Condition 6 shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this Certificate and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, as listed in the service list, and the Town of Watertown. Any proposed modifications to this Decision and Order shall likewise be so served.
- 8. If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year, this Decision and Order shall be void, and the Certificate Holder shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made.
- 9. Any nonfunctioning antenna, and associated antenna mounting equipment, on this facility shall be removed within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function.
- 10. In accordance with Section 16-50j-77 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice two weeks prior to the commencement of site construction activities. In addition, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice of the completion of site construction, and the commencement of site operation.
- 11. The Certificate Holder shall remit timely payments associated with annual assessments and invoices submitted by the Council for expenses attributable to the facility under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v.

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- 12. This Certificate may be transferred in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50k(b), provided both the Certificate Holder/transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. In addition, both the Certificate Holder/transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.
- 13. The Certificate Holder shall maintain the facility and associated equipment, including but not limited to, the tower, tower foundation, antennas, equipment compound, radio equipment, access road, utility line and landscaping in a reasonable physical and operational condition that is consistent with this Decision and Order and a Development and Management Plan to be approved by the Council.
- 14. If the Certificate Holder is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a corporation or other entity and is sold/transferred to another corporation or other entity, the Council shall be notified of such sale and/or transfer and of any change in contact information for the individual or representative responsible for management and operations of the Certificate Holder within 30 days of the sale and/or transfer.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50p, the Council hereby directs that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order be served on each person listed below, and notice of issuance shall be published in the <u>Town Times</u>.

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The parties and intervenors to this proceeding are:

## **Applicant**

North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

## **Its Representatives**

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## **Party**

Town of Watertown

## **Intervenor**

Robert and Cathleen Alex 435 Bassett Road Watertown, CT 06795

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# **Its Representative**