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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 22, 2017

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1301** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of the Masonicare Health Center building located at 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on June 22, 2017, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that the above-referenced proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50k, would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the following conditions:

1. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council Staff;
2. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed within three years from the date of the mailing of the Council's decision, this decision shall be void, and the facility owner/operator shall dismantle the facility 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 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 facility owner/operator shall provide written notice to the Executive Director of any schedule changes as soon as is practicable;
3. Any request for extension of the time period to fully construct the facility shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this decision and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, if applicable, and the Town of Wallingford.
4. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
5. Any nonfunctioning antenna and associated antenna mounting equipment on this facility owned and operated by the Petitioner shall be removed within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function;
6. The facility owner/operator 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;

7. This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred, provided the facility owner/operator/transferor is current with payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v and the transferee provides written confirmation that the transferee agrees to comply with the terms, limitations and conditions contained in the Declaratory Ruling, including timely payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v; and
8. If the facility owner/operator 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 facility within 30 days of the sale and/or transfer.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition dated May 10, 2017.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MAB/bm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated, June 22, 2017

- c: The Honorable William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor, Town of Wallingford
Kacie Costello, Town Planner, Town of Wallingford

Petition No. 1301

**Cellco - Small Cell Facility
22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford**

**Staff Report
June 22, 2017**

On May 11, 2017, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a petition from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility at the Masonic Health Center building at 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, Connecticut. The small cell would provide 2100 MHz LTE service to the surrounding area.

Cellco would install a small cell antenna on a mast attached to a gable wall of a four-story section of a multi-level building. The antenna/mast would extend 3.3 feet above the roof of the building, approximately 60.3 feet above ground level. Additionally, Cellco would install one remote radio head, a radio cabinet, an electrical panel and a battery unit on the south wall of a penthouse. A cable tray would connect the wall mounted equipment to the small cell antenna. Power and telephone service would extend from existing service on the property.

The subject property is located on a 32.8-acre parcel in Wallingford's residential RU-40 rural zone district. Commercial properties and the Merritt Parkway are located in close proximity to the health care center.

The visual impact of the proposed facility is not expected to be significant due to the limited height of the facility and its location near other tall structures at the healthcare center.

No wetlands or trees would be impacted by the project. The calculated power density would be 2.8 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. Notice is not required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Notice was provided to the Town of Wallingford, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about May 10, 2017. The Council has not received any comments to date.

Cellco contends that this proposed project would not have a substantial adverse environmental impact.

Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff.

Site Location

