



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 28, 2017

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.  
Robinson & Cole LLP  
280 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1322** - 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 an existing utility pole outside of the public right of way located at Mount Southington Ski Area, 396 and 412 Mount Vernon Road, Southington, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on September 28, 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. Cellco shall submit site plans and structural analysis of the wood pole certified by a Professional Engineer in the State of Connecticut prior to the commencement of construction;
3. 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;
4. 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 Southington;
5. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
6. 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;



7. 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;
8. 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
9. 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 August 22, 2017.

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

Very truly yours,



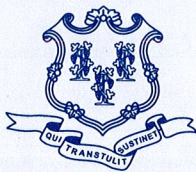
Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/MAB/FOC/bm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated September 28, 2017.

- c: The Honorable Michael Riccio, Chairman, Town of Southington  
Garry Brumback, Town Manager, Town of Southington  
Robert Phillips, Director of Planning and Community Development, Town of Southington  
Mount Southington Limited Partnership, Property Owner





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### **Petition No. 1322**

### **Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 396 and 412 Mount Vernon Road, Southington Small Cell Facility Staff Report September 28, 2017**

On August 23, 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 Mount Southington Ski area, 396 and 412 Mount Vernon Road, Southington, Connecticut. Cellco seeks to increase and enhance its 2100 MHz frequency in the area.

Cellco would install a small cell wireless facility to the top of an existing 27.5 foot tall wood pole used to support light fixtures and owned by Mount Southington Limited Partnership. A single canister-type antenna would extend to 31 feet 11 inches above ground level. One remote radio head (RRH) and one electric distribution box (EDB) would be mounted on the lower portion of the wood pole. Electric and telephone service would extend overhead from an adjacent existing building on the subject property to the wood pole.

Neither tree removal nor ground disturbance is required to install the small cell wireless facility.

The subject property is 98 acres, is located within Southington's Residential (R-80) Zone District and used principally for recreation. While there are a few residences located northeast and southeast across Mount Vernon Road of the subject property, the visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the fact that the existing wood pole is part and parcel of the ski area and existing infrastructure.

The calculated power density would be 6.7 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 Southington, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about August 22, 2017. To date, the Council has not received comments on this petition.

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

Staff recommends the following conditions:

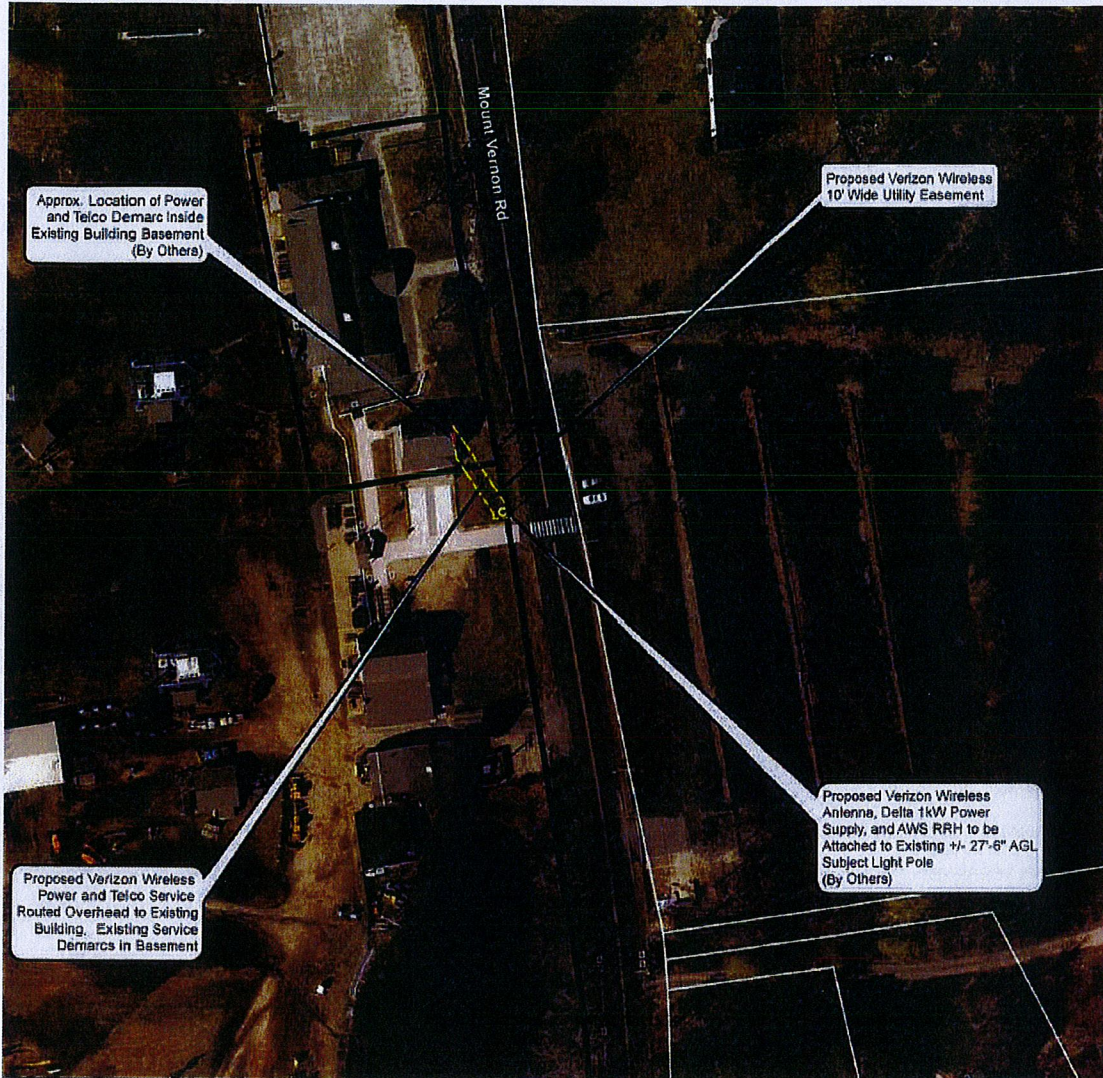
1. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff, and
2. Cellco shall submit site plans and structural analysis of the wood pole certified by a Professional Engineer in the State of Connecticut prior to the commencement of construction.



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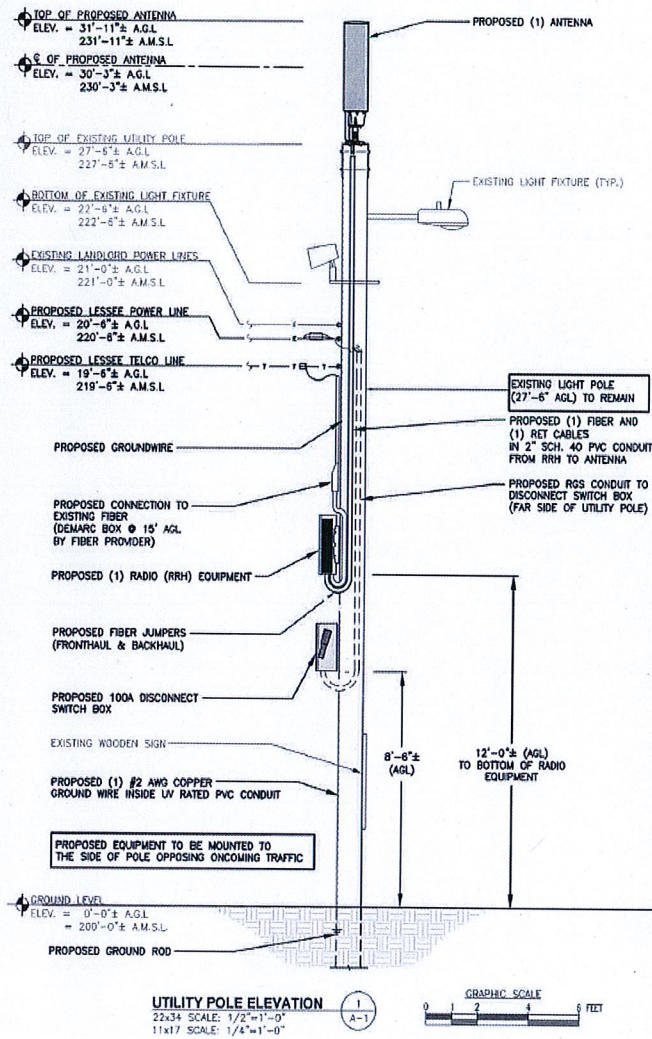


Site Location





## Proposed elevation plan



## Photosimulation

