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RE: **PETITION NO. 1629** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment on the roof of a multiuse building located at 330 Roberts Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. **Council Interrogatories to Petitioner.**

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than June 10, 2024. Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the June 10, 2024, deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Petition No. 1629
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
330 Roberts Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

Interrogatories
May 20, 2024

Notice

1. Referencing Petition, Section III-B, and Attachments 8 & 9, has the Town of East Hartford and/or any abutting property owners provided comments to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) since the Petition filing? If so, please summarize the comments.

Existing Non-Tower Antenna Array

2. What entity approved the existing non-tower antenna array at the Ramada Inn? When?
3. Provide details of the existing non-tower antenna array at the Ramada Inn ~~facility~~ including type, height, what equipment is installed and what services are provided?
4. Referring to Petition pp. 1-2, would the existing non-tower antenna array on Ramada Inn be decommissioned before Cellco installs the new site or afterwards? Would the transition from the existing site to the proposed site create a network outage or interruption?
5. Would any of the existing equipment from the non-tower antenna array at the Ramada Inn be used for the proposed facility?
6. Would a temporary tower facility be required to maintain Cellco service during the cutover of equipment to the replacement facility?

Proposed Site

7. How would the proposed replacement site impact Cellco's existing coverage and capacity within the service area. Would the proposed facility improve coverage and/or capacity? Please elaborate.
8. Provide the distance and direction of the nearest property boundary.
9. Provide the distance and direction of the nearest residential structure.

Proposed Replacement Facility and Associated Equipment

10. What is the estimated cost of the proposed project? Does the cost include decommissioning the existing non-tower antenna array at the Ramada Inn?
11. Is the project, or any portion of the project, proposed to be undertaken by state departments, institutions or agencies, or to be funded in whole or in part by the state through any contract or grant?
12. Provide typical construction workdays and hours, and the anticipated duration of construction.

13. Referring to Petition p. 4, would Cellco's rooftop steel equipment platform be enclosed by fencing?
14. The electronic version of the site plans provided in Attachment 2 of the Petition are not legible. Please provide a clear and legible electronic version of the site plans for the proposed facility.
15. What is the height of the existing rooftop screen fence? What is the height of the proposed BTS and Battery cabinets?
16. What limitations, if any, would the proposed facility design create for any future upgrades? Explain.

Public Safety

17. Would the proposed equipment installation be capable of supporting text-to-911 service and comply with federal E911 requirements and the Warning, Alert and Response Network Act of 2006?
18. What measures are proposed for the site to ensure security and deter vandalism? (Including alarms, gates, locks, etc.) Is the door/access to the roof locked? Who has access?
19. Identify the safety standards and/or codes by which equipment, machinery or technology that would be used or operated at the proposed facility.
20. What is the maximum rated serviceable wind velocity for the proposed antennas?

Emergency Backup Power

21. Does the building have a backup power source? If yes, does Cellco intend to connect to it? If so, identify the backup power source and where it is located.
22. Referring to Petition Attachment 2,
 - a. does the proposed facility have an emergency backup power battery cabinet? If yes, what is the anticipated run time of the battery?
 - b. If a power outage exceeds the batteries capacity would a temporary generator be brought to site? If so, provide the fuel source and the location of the generator hookup.