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### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 27, 2015

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1165** - 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 an existing mixed use building located at 37 Main Street, Jewett City (Griswold), Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on July 23, 2015, 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:

- 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.
- 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 Griswold.
- Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
- 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;
- If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year the Petitioner shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council within 90 days from the one year period of cessation of service. The Petitioner may submit a written request to the Council for an extension of the 90 day period not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the 90 day period; and



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- This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred or partially transferred, provided both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. 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. Both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council with 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.

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 June 18, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/MP/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated July 23, 2015

- c: The Honorable Kevin A. Skulczyk, First Selectman, Town of Griswold  
Mario J. Tristany, Jr, Town Planner, Town of Griswold  
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### **Petition No. 1165**

**Cellco**

**37 Main Street, Jewett City (Griswold)**

**Small Cell Facility**

**Staff Report**

**July 23, 2015**

On June 19, 2015, 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 37 Main Street, Jewett City (Griswold). Currently, Cellco is experiencing a coverage gap for 2100 MHz service in the Jewett City section of Griswold. In an effort to increase Cellco's 2100 MHz coverage area and provide customers with improved wireless services in the area, Cellco proposes to install a small cell facility. As an additional benefit, this small cell facility would provide 2100 MHz service to Griswold High School and Griswold Elementary School.

Specifically, Cellco would install a small unipole tower on the roof of an existing mixed use (commercial residential) building owned by Soulor Main LLC. The tower would have a single canister-type antenna and one remote radio head (RRH). The tower, antenna, and RRH would be concealed by a faux flue pipe. The faux flue pipe would reach a maximum height of 64.5 feet above ground level (agl). This is approximately 8 feet above the existing upper roof line at 56.5 feet agl. Cellco's equipment would be installed in the basement of the building. Electrical service would connect to a new meter (adjacent to the existing meter) on the east side of the building. Telephone service would connect overhead to an existing pole located directly to the south-southeast.

The subject property is located within Griswold's Commercial Zone. The property is surrounded by other commercial and mixed use buildings in Jewett City.

The visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the stealth design and the limited height (i.e. less than ten feet above the roof of the building). There would be no outdoor equipment compound.

The maximum worst-case power density would be 3.67 percent of the applicable limit. No notice is required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Notice was provided to the Town of Griswold, the Town of Lisbon (located within 2,500 feet of the proposed project), the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about June 18, 2015. No comments have been received to date.

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

Site Location



Photo-simulation as viewed from the host property

