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February 3, 2017

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1149 -** Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 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 commercial building located at 109 Federal Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated February 2, 2017 regarding a minor project change to the above-referenced declaratory ruling that was approved by the Council on April 16, 2015. The minor project change consists of the installation of a grounding system along the east side of the building and within a portion of the paved parking lot. Due to the involvement of ground disturbance and proximity to the Still River, a Wetland Report, dated January 31, 2017, was prepared and submitted to the Council with recommendations to install and maintain appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls during installation of the grounding system in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control.

The Council hereby approves this minor project change with the condition that Verizon Wireless employ the appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls during installation of the grounding system in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control as recommended by All Points Technology in the January 31, 2017 Wetland Report and submits written correspondence to the Council when the work is completed. This approval applies only to the minor project change and related work procedures detailed in your correspondence dated February 2, 2017. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: Council Members
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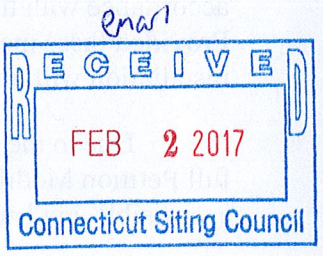

Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: **Petition No. 1149 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless**
Petition for 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 Commercial Building Located at 109 Federal Road, Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On April 16, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") considered and approved the above-referenced petition permitting the installation of a small cell wireless facility on the roof of the building at 109 Federal Road in Danbury. On January 20, 2017, I notified the Council that construction activity associated with the Petition No. 1149 improvements had been completed.

Recently, Cellco notified me regarding its need to install a grounding system along the east side of the commercial building within a portion of the paved parking area. This work was not contemplated at the time Petition No. 1149 was filed with the Council. Because the installation of the grounding system would involve ground disturbance, within the limits of the existing paved parking area, and because the existing commercial center lies adjacent to the Still River, Cellco asked Dean Gustafson at All-Points Technology Corporation ("APT") to evaluate the additional improvements and determine if they would impact the Still River or its associated wetland and floodplain areas. A copy of the APT Wetland Inspection Report is attached for your records.

In its general comments, APT recommends that appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls be installed and maintained during the installation of the grounding system in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control. Provided these measures are implemented, Mr. Gustafson believes that the grounding system installation will not adversely impact the Still River or its floodplain wetland resources.

Due to the minor nature of this additional construction activity, I did not feel as though a full Petition Modification filing was necessary. If you feel otherwise please let me know as soon as possible and I will make the appropriate filing.

Consistent with the Council's existing conditions of approval for Petition No. 1149, we will notify the Council once the installation of the grounding system has been completed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Baldwin

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Enclosure
Copy to:
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ALL-POINTS TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

WETLAND INSPECTION

January 31, 2017 **APT Project No.: CT1417180**

Prepared For: Verizon Wireless
99 East River Drive
East Hartford, CT 06108
Attn: Justine Carbonell

Verizon Wireless Site Name: Danbury 10

Site Address: 109 Federal Road
Danbury, Connecticut

Date(s) of Investigation: 1/27/2017

Field Conditions: **Weather:** partly cloudy, low 40's
Soil Moisture: moist

Wetland/Watercourse Delineation Methodology*:

☒Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses
☐Connecticut Tidal Wetlands
☐Massachusetts Wetlands
☐U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Municipal Upland Review Area/Buffer Zone:

Wetlands: 100 feet
Watercourses: 200 feet

The wetlands inspection was performed by†:

Matthew Gustafson, Registered Soil Scientist

Enclosures: Wetland Delineation Field Form & Wetland Inspection Map

This report is provided as a brief summary of findings from APT's wetland investigation of the referenced Study Area that consists of proposed development activities and areas generally within 200 feet.‡ If applicable, APT is available to provide a more comprehensive wetland impact analysis upon receipt of site plans depicting the proposed development activities and surveyed location of identified wetland and watercourse resources.

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* *Wetlands and watercourses were delineated in accordance with applicable local, state and federal statutes, regulations and guidance.*

† *All established wetlands boundary lines are subject to change until officially adopted by local, state, or federal regulatory agencies.*

‡ *APT has relied upon the accuracy of information provided by Verizon Wireless and its contractors regarding proposed lease area and access road/utility easement locations for identifying wetlands and watercourses within the study area.*

Attachments

- Wetland Delineation Field Form
- Wetland Inspection Map

Wetland Delineation Field Form

Wetland I.D.:	Wetland 1	
Flag #'s:	WF 1-01 to 1-14	
Flag Location Method:	Site Sketch ☒	GPS (sub-meter) located ☒

WETLAND HYDROLOGY:

NONTIDAL ☒

Intermittently Flooded ☐	Artificially Flooded ☐	Permanently Flooded ☐
Semipermanently Flooded ☐	Seasonally Flooded ☒	Temporarily Flooded ☐
Permanently Saturated ☐	Seasonally Saturated – seepage ☐	Seasonally Saturated - perched ☐
Comments: The delineated wetland boundary is characterized by the toe of fill slope (associated with site development) and the Still River floodplain.		

TIDAL ☐

Subtidal ☐	Regularly Flooded ☐	Irregularly Flooded ☐
Irregularly Flooded ☐		
Comments: None		

WETLAND TYPE:

SYSTEM:

Estuarine ☐	Riverine ☐	Palustrine ☒
Lacustrine ☐	Marine ☐	
Comments: None		

CLASS:

Emergent ☒	Scrub-shrub ☐	Forested ☐
Open Water ☐	Disturbed ☐	Wet Meadow ☐
Comments: None		

WATERCOURSE TYPE:

Perennial ☒	Intermittent ☐	Tidal ☐
Watercourse Name: Still River		
Comments: wetland is associated with an active floodplain and filled/armored banks		

Wetland Delineation Field Form (Cont.)

SPECIAL AQUATIC HABITAT:

Vernal Pool Yes ☐ No ☒ Potential ☐	Other ☐
Vernal Pool Habitat Type: None	
Comments: None	

SOILS:

Are field identified soils consistent with NRCS mapped soils?	Yes ☒	No ☐
If no, describe field identified soils		

DOMINANT PLANTS:

Box Elder (Acer negundo)	Eastern Cottonwood (Populus deltoides)
Silky Dogwood (Cornus amomum)	Broad-Leaf Cattail (Typha latifolia)
Asiatic Bittersweet* (Celastrus orbiculatus)	Fox Grape (Vitis labrusca)
Multiflora Rose* (Rosa multiflora)	Goldenrod (Solidago sp.)

* denotes Connecticut Invasive Species Council invasive plant species

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Verizon Wireless proposes to construct a wireless telecommunications facility, including equipment cabinets, on the roof of the subject property's commercial retail building located at 109 Federal Road in Danbury, Connecticut. The only ground disturbance associated with the proposed facility consists of a grounding system to be located along the east side of the subject building within a paved parking lot. The majority of the subject property is developed with the commercial retail building and paved parking.

The Still River flows south along the east subject property boundary. The proposed grounding sytem would be located ±80 feet west of the Still River within an existing developed and disturbed area (paved parking lot). APT recommends appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls be installed and maintained during installation of the grounding system in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control. Provided these precautions are implemented, no likely adverse impact to the Still River or its floodplain wetland resources would result from the limited ground disturbance associated with the proposed Verizon Wireless development.

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Legend

- Subject Property
- Proposed Wireless Communications Equipment
- Culvert
- Wetland Flag
- 200' River Upland Review Area
- Wetland Boundary
- Wetland Area
- 100-Year Flood Zone
- Floodway
- Approximate Parcel Boundary (CTDEEP GIS)
- Municipal Boundary

Map Notes:
Base Map Source: Google Imagery
Map Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet
Map Date: January 2017

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Wetland Inspection Map

Proposed Wireless Communications Facility
Danbury 10 CT
109 Federal Road
Danbury, Connecticut

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