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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 29, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1160** - 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 industrial building located at 278 Oakwood Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on June 25, 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 Glastonbury;
- 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

- 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 May 26, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Stein" followed by the initials "MB" in a larger, stylized font.

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/RM/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated June 25, 2015

- c: The Honorable Stewart Beckett III, Chairman, Town of Glastonbury
Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager, Town of Glastonbury
Kenith Leslie, Community Development Director, Town of Glastonbury
Baltic Complex, LLC



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Petition No. 1160

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Glastonbury, Connecticut

Staff Report

June 25, 2015

On May 26, 2015, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) submitted a petition (Petition) to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) 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 278 Oakwood Drive in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Notice of the Petition was provided to the Town of Glastonbury, the property owner, and abutting property owners. No comments have been received to date.

Cellco is experiencing a high volume of data traffic in the area of the proposed site; an industrial/commercial area in central Glastonbury. Additionally, the Route 2 highway passes through the area causing additional wireless network demand. Although Cellco currently has four existing facilities within two miles of the site, none of these sites provide adequate 2100 MHz service to the area. Additionally, one of the existing facilities is nearing its capacity limit. The proposed site would alleviate capacity issues at this existing site as well as provide service to existing 2100 MHz service gaps in the area.

The proposed "small cell" facility consists of a single canister antenna and a remote radio head mounted on a mast attached to the roof of a metal industrial building. The overall height of the small cell would extend 6.5 feet above the roof. The building, owned by Baltic Complex LLC, is 35 feet in height. Ground equipment serving the antenna would be installed on a fenced, concrete pad adjacent to the north side of the building. Power and telephone service would be connected to existing service inside the building.

The maximum worst-case power density from site operation would be 9.9 percent of the applicable limit.

The proposed small cell installation would have no significant adverse visual impact as it resembles existing building materials and is located in an industrially-zoned area.

