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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 8, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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280 Trumbull Street
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1175** - 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 commercial building located at Bear Creek Campground at Lake Compounce Amusement Park, off Mount Vernon Road, Southington, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on September 3, 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:

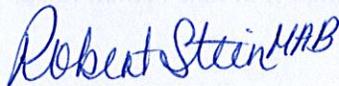
- Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed within three years from the date of the mailing of the Council's decision, this decision shall be void, and the facility owner/operator shall dismantle the facility and remove all associated equipment 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 Southington;
- 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 July 17, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/CH/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated September 3, 2015

- 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
Festival Fun Parks LLC





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Petition No. 1175

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Lake Compounce Amusement Park, Mount Vernon Road, Southington

Staff Report

September 3, 2015

On July 17, 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 attached to an existing commercial building (Bear Creek Campground) in Lake Compounce Amusement Park in Southington, owned by the Festival Fun Parks. The facility will provide capacity relief to Cellco's surrounding cell sites.

The proposed facility would consist of a small tower, attached to the eastern side of the existing building in the Bear Creek Campground. The tower would support a single canister-type antenna and a remote radio head and would extend approximately 5'4" above the peak of the roof of the building, to an overall height of approximately 37.5 feet above ground level. Equipment associated with the facility will be located on an 8' x 8' concrete pad located on the ground near the southeast corner of the building. The equipment will be surrounded by an 8-foot wood shadow board fence and gate. Power and telephone service to the facility will extend from existing service inside the building. The subject 84-acre parcel is within an industrial zone. The campground is surrounded by industrial uses and undeveloped land.

The maximum worst-case power density would be 31.17 percent of the applicable limit. No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

The visual impact of the project is expected to be negligible as the small cell facility would extend less than six feet above the existing building. Visibility of the small cell installation would be limited to the immediate vicinity and would not extend to public streets. See the photo-simulation on the next page. Ground disturbance associated with the equipment pad will occur in a previously disturbed area immediately adjacent to the building. No trees or significant vegetation of any kind will need to be removed to install the small cell improvements.

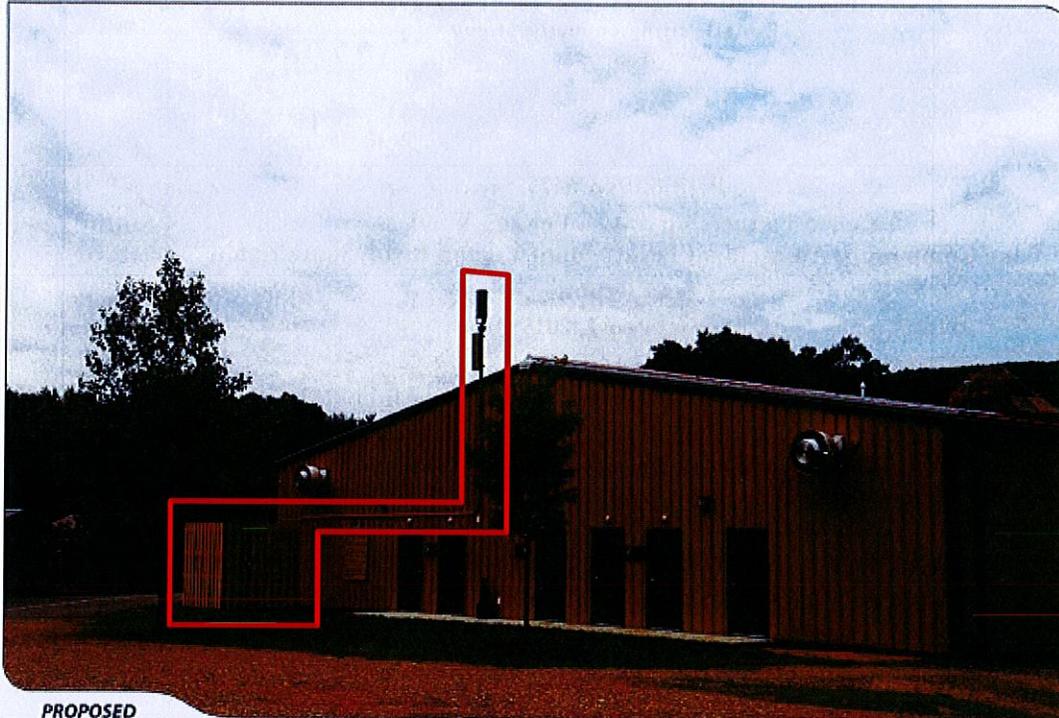
Notice was provided to Southington's Town Manager Garry Brumback, Bristol's Mayor Kenneth B. Cockayne, Festival Fun Parks LLC, the owner of the property, and abutting property owners. No comments have been received to date.

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



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PROPOSED

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LOCATION
HOST PROPERTY

ORIENTATION
SOUTHWEST

DISTANCE TO SITE
+/- 104 FEET



PROPOSED

PHOTO
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LOCATION
HOST PROPERTY

ORIENTATION
NORTHEAST

DISTANCE TO SITE
+/- 227 FEET

