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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 21, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1179** - 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 an existing commercial building located at 137 South Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on September 17, 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 West Hartford.
- 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;
- The facility owner/operator shall remit timely payments associated with annual assessments and invoices submitted by the Council for expenses attributable to the facility under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v;

- This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred, provided the facility owner/operator/transferor is current with payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v and the transferee provides written confirmation that the transferee agrees to comply with the terms, limitations and conditions contained in the Declaratory Ruling, including timely payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v; and
- If the facility owner/operator is a wholly owned subsidiary of a corporation or other entity and is sold/transferred to another corporation or other entity, 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.

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 August 14, 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 17, 2015

- c: The Honorable Scott Slifka, Mayor, Town of West Hartford
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager, Town of West Hartford
Todd Dumais, Town Planner, Town of West Hartford
Lexham Avon LLC



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**Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
137 South Main Street, West Hartford**

Staff Report

September 17, 2015

On August 14, 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 at 137 South Main Street, West Hartford, owned by Lexham Avon LLC. The facility will provide capacity relief in the 2100 MHz frequency range to Cellco's surrounding cell sites.

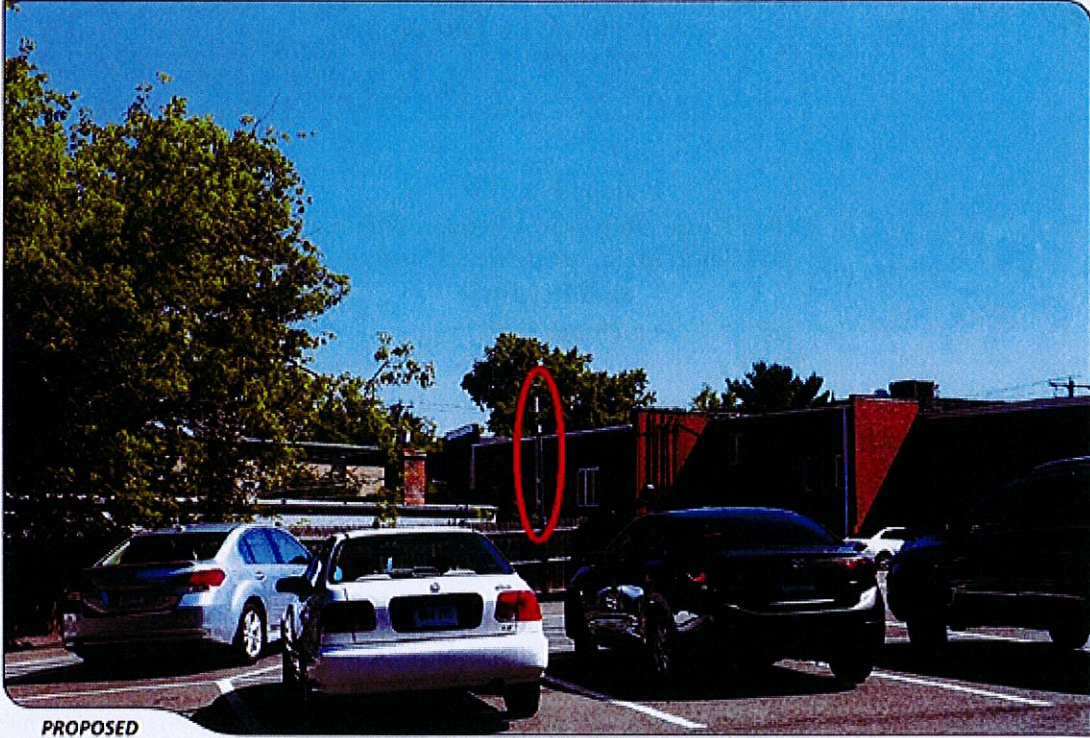
Specifically, Cellco would install a single canister-type antenna and remote radio head to the top of a small tower, attached to the westerly side of the existing commercial building at the Property. The mast and antenna would extend approximately eight feet above the roof of the building, to an overall height of approximately 29 feet above ground level. Equipment associated with the facility will be located in a lower level utility room inside the building. Power and telephone service to the facility will likewise extend from existing service inside the building. The 1.41-acre parcel is within a residential zone. The property is surrounded by commercial and residential uses.

Visibility of the small cell installation would be limited to locations immediately north and south of the property. The visual impact of the project is expected to be negligible as more prominent utility infrastructure is also visible from these areas. No ground disturbance of any kind will occur and no trees or vegetation of any kind will need to be removed, as all improvements are located either on or inside the existing building.

The maximum worst-case power density would be 4.04 percent of the applicable limit using a 10 dB off beam adjustment. No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

Notice was provided to West Hartford Mayor Scott Slifka, Town Manager Ronald Van Winkle, Town Planner Todd Dumais, and Lexham Avon LLC, the owner of the Property. A copy of the Petition was also sent to the owners of land that abuts the Property. No comments have been received to date.

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



PROPOSED

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LOCATION
HOST PROPERTY

ORIENTATION
NORTHEAST

DISTANCE TO SITE
±/- 219 FEET

