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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 13, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1194** - 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 abandoned grain elevator structure at 140 Route 32, Franklin, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on November 12, 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 Franklin;
- 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 October 6, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/RDM/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated November 12, 2015

- c: The Honorable Richard L. Matters, First Selectman, Town of Franklin
Ronald Chalecki, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Franklin
D. W. Holdings, LLC



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Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 140 Franklin Turnpike, Franklin

Staff Report

November 12, 2015

On October 7, 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 located at 140 Franklin Turnpike (Route 32) in Franklin. Notice of the Petition was provided to the Town of Franklin, the property owner (D.W. Holdings, LLC), and abutting property owners. No comments have been received to date.

The proposed facility would provide 2100 MHz wireless service to the surrounding area and capacity relief to adjacent Cellco facilities. It consists of a single canister antenna and a remote radio head mounted on a pipe mast attached to the side of an abandoned 125-foot tall grain elevator. The canister antenna would extend 5 feet, 4 inches above the top of the grain elevator, to an overall height of 130 feet, 5 inches above ground level. A 2-foot GPS antenna would also be installed on top of the grain elevator. Ground equipment serving the antenna would be installed in the basement of an adjacent building. Power and telephone service would be connected to existing service inside the building.

The facility is located on a 6.7-acre commercially-zoned property in a commercial/industrial area along Route 32. Visibility of the facility would be from adjacent commercial areas along Route 32 and would be negligible as the facility appears to be part of the existing structure and is of small visual mass. No ground disturbance or clearing is necessary, as all improvements are located either on or inside existing structures. The maximum worst-case power density would be 0.26 percent of the applicable Federal Communications Commission limit. The facility would not be an aviation hazard and notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is not required.

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

