



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 11, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.  
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280 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1196** - 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 unipole telecommunications facility on the roof of the existing Veterans Memorial Ice Arena located at 56 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on December 10, 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 October 22, 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 "MAB".

Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/CH/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated December 10, 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



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### Petition No. 1196

#### Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

#### 56 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford

#### Staff Report

December 10, 2015

On October 23, 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 unipole tower on the Veterans Memorial Ice Arena building at 56 Buena Vista Road in West Hartford. The property is owned by the Town of West Hartford. The facility would provide 2100 MHz service and capacity relief to Cellco's network in West Hartford and Farmington.

Specifically, Cellco would install a single canister-type antenna and remote radio head inside an approximately 18-inch diameter unipole tower attached to the northerly portion of the roof of the building. The unipole would extend approximately nine feet above the roof dome of the building, to an overall height of 47.9 feet above ground level. Equipment associated with the small cell would be located inside an existing equipment room within the building. The 8.76-acre parcel is within West Hartford's Residential zone district. The property is surrounded by municipal recreational uses and open space to the north, east and south and single family residential uses to the west.

The visual impact of the project is expected to be minimal, as the unipole would be painted metallic gray and was designed to resemble an exhaust stack. The visibility of the proposed small cell installation would be limited primarily to northern locations on the property behind the building. See the photo-simulation on the next page. No ground disturbance of any kind would occur and no trees or vegetation would need to be removed, as all improvements are located either on or inside the existing building.

The site would have a cumulative worst-case power density of 1.41 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

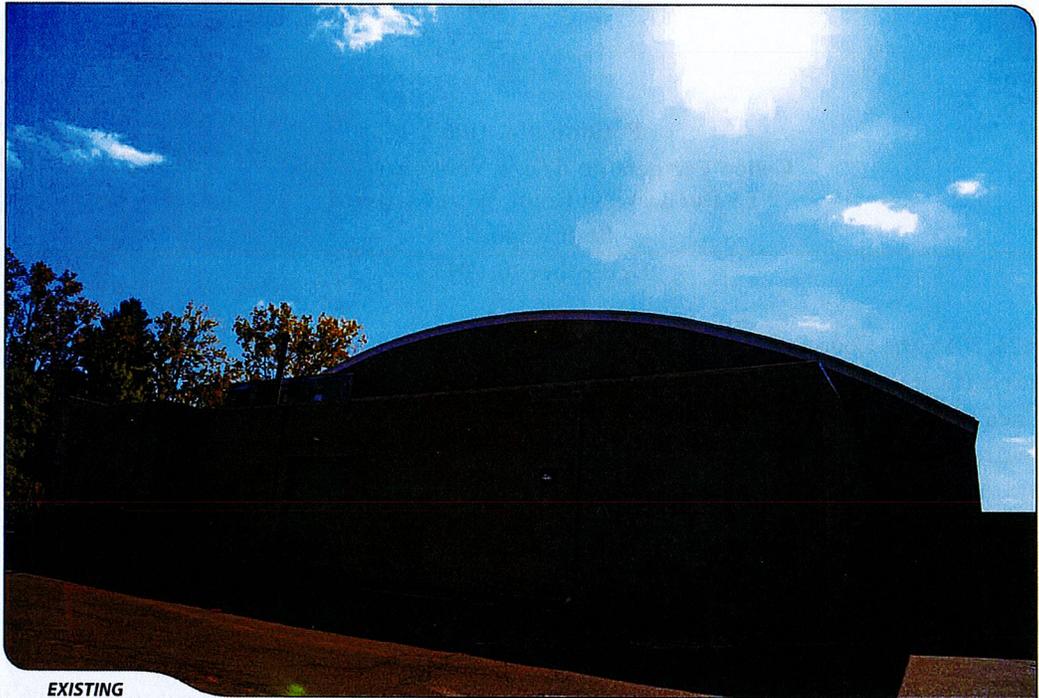
Notice was provided to West Hartford's Mayor Scott Slifka, Town Attorney Patrick G. Alair, and Town Planner Todd Dumais. A copy of this petition was sent to the owners of land that abuts the property. No comments have been received to date.

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



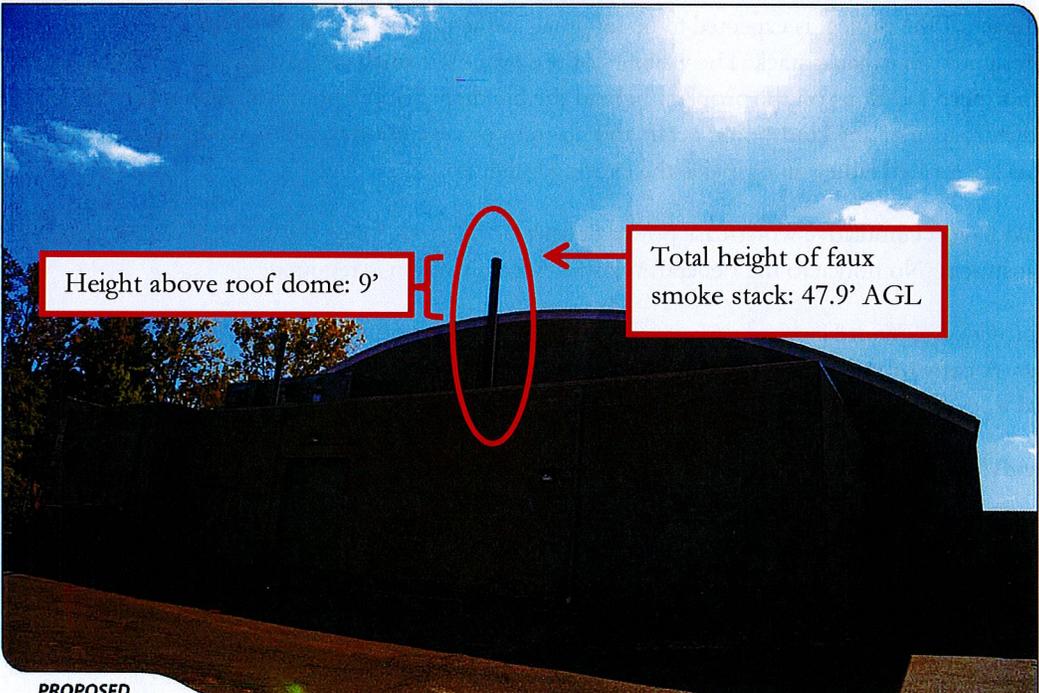
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**PROPOSED**

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