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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 20, 2017

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1271** - 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 wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of the Hyllier dormitory building located at the University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on January 19, 2017, 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:

1. Use of off-road construction equipment that meets the latest EPA or California Air Resources Board standards, or in the alternative, equipment with the best available controls on diesel emissions, including, but not limited to, retrofitting with diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters and use of ultra-low sulfur fuel;
2. Compliance with the provisions of Section 22a-174-18(b)(3)(C) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies that limit the idling of mobile sources to 3 minutes;
3. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff;
4. 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;
5. 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, the City of Hartford, and the Town of Bloomfield;
6. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;

7. 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;
8. 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;
9. 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
10. 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 November 2, 2016.

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

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MP/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated January 19, 2017

- c: The Honorable Shari Cantor, Mayor, Town of West Hartford
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager, Town of West Hartford
Todd Dumais, Town Planner, Town of West Hartford
The Honorable Luke Bronin, Mayor, City of Hartford
Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Economic Development, City of Hartford
The Honorable Joan A. Gamble, Mayor, Town of Bloomfield
Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Town of Bloomfield
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Petition No. 1271

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford

Small Cell Facility

Staff Report

January 19, 2017

On November 3, 2016, 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 at 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut. Cellco proposes to install the small cell facility to provide 2100 MHz service and provide customers with improved wireless services in the area.

Specifically, Cellco would install a small cell tower on the roof of the Hyllier dormitory building owned by the University of Hartford and located on the University of Hartford campus. The tower would have a single canister-type antenna, one remote radio head (RRH), one alternating current (AC) disconnect, and one fiber demarcation enclosure. The proposed small cell facility would extend to a maximum height of 42-feet 8-inches above ground level (agl). This is approximately 7-feet 4-inches above the existing rooftop parapet wall height of 35-feet 4-inches feet agl. Cellco's equipment would be installed inside the building. Electrical and telephone service would extend from existing service inside the building and would be routed along the roof and down the northeast façade of the building.

The proposed small cell facility would be located within the Multi-Use Mix District (MX-2). The visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the narrow profile of the tower and limited height (i.e. less than eight feet above the existing roof of the building). An outdoor equipment compound is not proposed.

The calculated power density would be 1.65 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. Notice is not required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Notice was provided to the Town of West Hartford, the City of Hartford, the Town of Bloomfield, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about November 2, 2016. No comments have been received by the Council to date.

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

Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. Use of off-road construction equipment that meets the latest EPA or California Air Resources Board standards, or in the alternative, equipment with the best available controls on diesel emissions, including, but not limited to, retrofitting with diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters and use of ultra-low sulfur fuel;
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3. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff.



Site Location

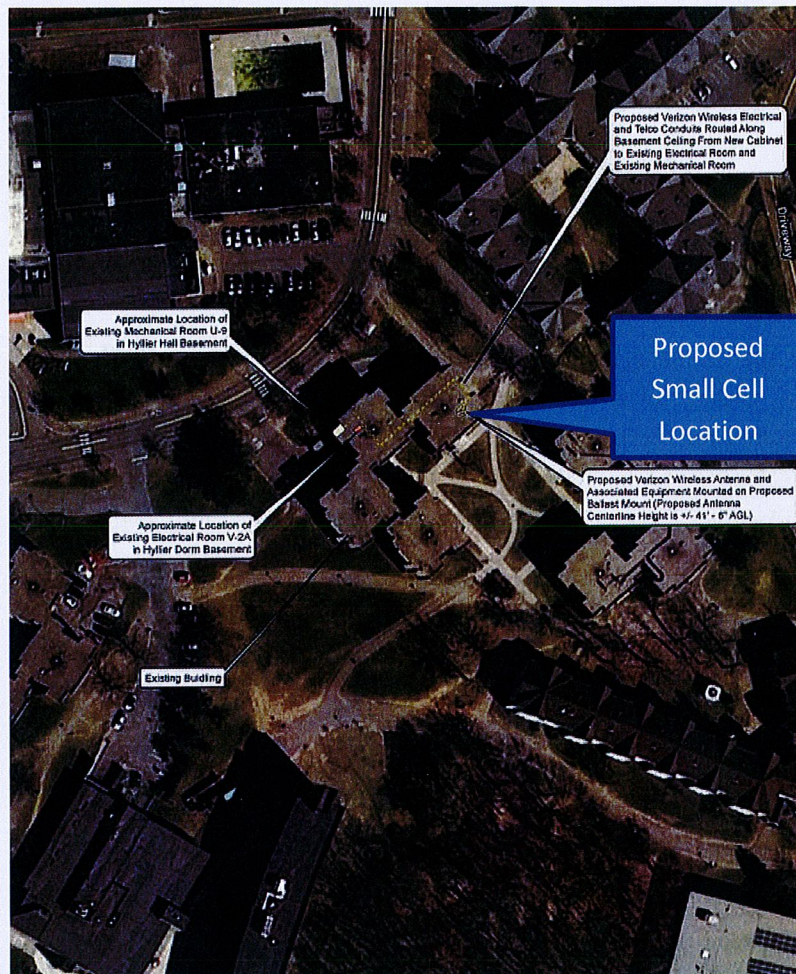


Photo-simulation as viewed from the driveway to the northwest

