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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 20, 2017

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1281** - 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 35-kilowatt propane-fueled back-up generator and a 1,000 gallon propane tank at an existing wireless telecommunication facility located at 21 Acorn Road, Branford, 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:

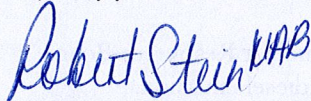
1. Use of off-road construction equipment that meets the latest EPA or California Air Resources Board standards, or in the alternative, equipment with the best available controls on diesel emissions, including, but not limited to, retrofitting with diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters and 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 Branford;
6. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;

7. If the emergency generator and/or associated emergency generator equipment at this facility owned and operated by the Petitioner ceases to function, it shall be removed within 60 days of the date the equipment 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 December 14, 2016.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/RDM/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated January 19, 2017

- c: The Honorable James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman, Town of Branford
Harry Smith, Town Planner, Town of Branford



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Petition No. 1281

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 21 Acorn Road, Branford

Staff Report

January 19, 2017

On December 16, 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 modification of an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 21 Acorn Drive in Branford. Specifically, Cellco proposes to install an emergency backup power source for its equipment at the site.

The existing facility is owned by Crown Castle and consists of a 150-foot monopole adjacent to an industrial building. The tower hosts multiple telecommunications carriers with Cellco occupying the 116-foot level of the tower. Cellco's ground equipment located inside the building. Currently, Cellco's existing installation does not have a backup emergency power source.

Cellco proposes to install a 35 kilowatt propane-fueled emergency power generator and an associated 1,000 gallon propane tank in a new lease area on the east side of the building, adjacent to the existing facility. The lease area would encompass 160 square feet and would be located in an existing fenced area. The generator and fuel tank would be installed on a 5-foot wide by 31.5-foot long concrete pad in a grassed area. Bollards would be installed to protect the tank from accidental vehicle impact.

All work would occur within existing developed areas of the 1.5-acre parcel. The emergency generator and propane tank would be screened from Acorn Drive by existing landscaping. No substantial adverse environmental or visual impact is expected from the proposed installation. Noise from the operation of the emergency backup generator is exempt from the State Noise Control Regulations.

On or about December 14, 2016, the Petitioner notified the Town of Branford, the property owner and abutting property owners of the proposed project.

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;
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; and
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