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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 31, 2016

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP
280 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1253** - 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 wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 99 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on October 27, 2016, 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:

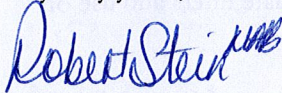
1. Use of off-road construction equipment that meets the latest EPA or California Air Resources Board standards, or in the alternative, equipment with the best available controls on diesel emissions, including, but not limited to, retrofitting with diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters and 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 Stamford;
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. If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year the Petitioner shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council within 90 days from the one year period of cessation of service. The Petitioner may submit a written request to the Council for an extension of the 90 day period not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the 90 day period; and
9. This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred or partially transferred, provided both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. 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. Both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council with a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.

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 September 20, 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 October 27, 2016

- c: The Honorable David Martin, Mayor, City of Stamford
Norman Cole, AICP, Land Use Bureau Chief, City of Stamford



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Petition No. 1253

Cellco – Rooftop Telecommunications Facility

99 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford

Staff Report

October 27, 2016

On September 21, 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 rooftop telecommunications facility at 99 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. The site would provide LTE service to the southeast section of Stamford in the 1900 MHz and 2100 MHz frequency bands.

Cellco would replace an existing 17-foot chimney on the roof of a one-story commercial building with a faux brick chimney of the same height. The existing chimney is abandoned and is not structurally capable of supporting antennas. Cellco would install four panel antennas, four remote radio heads and one control box on the exterior, upper sides of the faux chimney. No antennas or other equipment would extend above the height of the faux chimney. The total height of the proposed facility is approximately 31 feet above ground level.

Cellco would install radio equipment in a 200 square foot lease area in a basement storage room. Electrical service would be obtained from existing building service.

The subject property, a self-storage facility owned by CubeSmart LP, is located in Stamford's M-L Light Industrial Zone. The property is surrounded by other developed commercial and industrial properties. The faux chimney would be designed to match existing building materials. The antennas and other exterior equipment would be painted to match the faux chimney and existing building finish. The visibility of the proposed installation would not change from existing conditions.

The calculated power density would be 13.3 percent of the applicable limit. Notice is not required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Notice was provided to the City of Stamford, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about September 20, 2016. The Council has not received any comments 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;
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
3. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff.

Photo-simulation of faux chimney installation



PROPOSED

PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE
2	HAMILTON AVENUE	SOUTHEAST	+/- 102 FEET