

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 14, 2016

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

RE: **PETITION NO. 1254** - 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 to be attached to the existing sign structure on the roof of the Kingdom Alliance Corp. building located at 327 Huntington Street, New London, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on November 10, 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 City of New London;
- 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 September 20, 2016.

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

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein MAB

Robert Stein Chairman

RS/RDM/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated November 10, 2016

c: The Honorable Michael E. Passero, Mayor, City of New London Tammy Daugherty, Director of the Office of Development & Planning, City of New London Kingdom Alliance Corp., Inc.





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Petition No. 1254
Cellco - Small Cell Facility
327 Huntington Street, New London
Staff Report
November 10, 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 small cell telecommunications facility at 327 Huntington Street in New London, Connecticut. The site would enable Cellco to provide 2100 MHz wireless service to the surrounding area.

The subject property is owned by Kingdom Alliance Corp. and is in a C-1 Commercial Zone. The 1.45-acre parcel contains a two-story building and is located adjacent to Interstate 95. An apartment complex is located to the south of the property.

The proposed small cell facility would be located on an exterior sign mounted on the northwest side of the building. The sign extends to a height of 49.5 feet above ground level (agl). Cellco would install a single canister antenna on an approximate 10-foot tall mast attached to the sign. The top of the mast/canister antenna would extend to a height of 59.7 feet agl. A remote radio head would be attached to a brick wall below the mast.

Cellco would install radio equipment on an 8-foot by 8-foot concrete pad within a 10-foot by 12-foot lease area located in a paved area on the northeast side of the building. An eight-foot tall vinyl stockade fence would enclose the compound. Electrical service would be obtained from existing service on the property.

The proposed small cell facility would have little visual impact from the surrounding area due to its low height and limited profile. The calculated power density would be 23.5 percent of the applicable limit. Notice is not required to the Federal Aviation Administration. Cellco contends that this proposed project would not have a substantial adverse environmental impact.

Notice was provided to the City of New London, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about September 20, 2016. The Council has not received any comments to date.

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.



Site Location - 327 Huntington Street, New London

