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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 20, 2017

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1288** - 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 an existing chimney on the roof of the YWCA building located at 19 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on March 16, 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. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff;
2. The final model number for the remote radio head (RRH) shall be submitted to the Council prior to construction;
3. 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;
4. 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 Britain;
5. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
6. 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;
7. 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;

8. 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
9. 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 February 6, 2017.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MP/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated March 16, 2017

- c: The Honorable Erin Stewart, Mayor, City of New Britain
Sergio Lupo, Director of License Permit & Inspections, City of New Britain
Young Womens Christian Association



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Petition No. 1288

Cellco

19 Franklin Square, New Britain

Small Cell Facility

Staff Report

March 16, 2017

On February 8, 2017, 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 19 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. In an effort to provide 1900 MHz coverage and improve wireless services in the area for its customers, Cellco proposes to install a small cell facility.

Specifically, Cellco would install a small cell tower attached to an existing chimney on the roof of a building owned by New Britain YMCA. The tower would have a single canister-type antenna at the top. The tower and antenna would extend to a maximum height of 52 feet 5 inches above ground level (agl). This is approximately 7 feet above the top of the existing chimney height of 45 feet 5 inches agl. The facility would be nearly indistinguishable from other rooftop features. Cellco's equipment includes, but is not limited to, electrical distribution equipment, a remote radio head (RRH) and telco box. Such equipment would be wall-mounted between the upper and lower roof. A ground-level equipment compound is not required. Electrical and telephone service would extend from existing service on the subject property.

There are no wetland areas on the subject property. No tree removal is expected.

The subject property is located within New Britain's Central Business District (CBD) zone. While there are residences located over 300 feet to the south-southwest of the proposed tower, the visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the narrow profile of the tower and the limited height (i.e. approximately 7 feet above the existing chimney).

The calculated power density would be 0.9 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. Notice is not required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

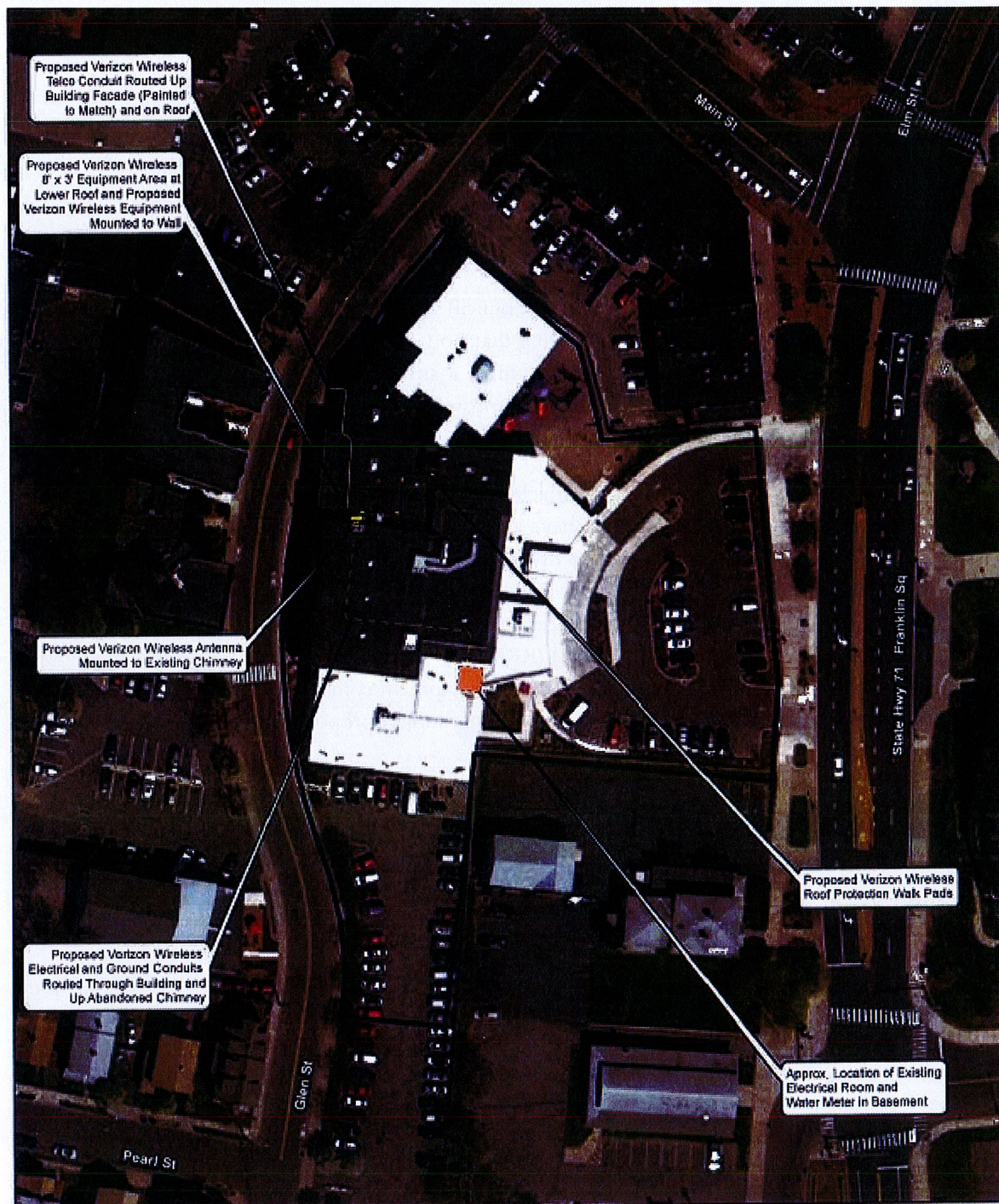
Notice was provided to the City of New Britain, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about February 6, 2017. No comments have been received by the Council to date.

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

Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff; and
2. The final model number for the remote radio head (RRH) shall be submitted to the Council prior to construction.

Site Location



Legend

- ⊙ Proposed Verizon Wireless Antenna
- Proposed Verizon Wireless Equipment Area
- Proposed Verizon Wireless Roof Protection Walk Pads
- Proposed Verizon Wireless Electrical and Ground Conduit
- Proposed Verizon Wireless Teleo Conduit
- Approximate Parcel Boundary (CTDEEP GIS Parcels Last Updated 2010)

- Existing Electrical Room
- Subject Property



Map Notes:
 Base Map Source: 2015 Google Imagery
 Map Scale: 1 inch = 80 feet
 Map Date: January 2017

Site Schematic

Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility
 New Britain SC7 CT
 YWCA
 19 Franklin Square
 New Britain, Connecticut



Photo-simulation as viewed from Glen Street

