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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 24, 2017

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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280 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1303** - 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 the existing commercial building located at 1069 East Main Street, Stamford Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on July 20, 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:

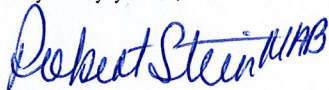
1. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff;
2. The generator shall be concealed or painted to match the existing facade;
3. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed within three years from the date of the mailing 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 Stamford;
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. 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
8. 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 June 1, 2017.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Stein" followed by the initials "MAB" in a larger, stylized font.

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MAB/bm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated, July 20, 2017

- c: The Honorable David Martin, Mayor, City of Stamford
Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief, City of Stamford
1069 East Main Street LLC, Property Owner



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Petition No. 1303

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Rooftop Telecommunications Facility 1069 East Main Street - Stamford

Staff Report

July 20, 2017

On June 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 telecommunications facility on the roof of a building located at 1069 East Main Street in Stamford, Connecticut. The site would enhance 700 MHz, 1900 MHz and 2100 MHz wireless service in the southeast section of Stamford.

Cellco would install an 11-foot telecommunications tower on the roof of a three-story office building. The roof is 32.3 feet above ground level (agl). The tower, located in the southeast portion of the roof, would support six antennas attached to t-arms at a centerline height of 43 feet agl. The top of the antennas would extend to 44 feet agl. Nine remote radio heads and a radio cabinet would be installed on a steel H-frame mounted on the roof, adjacent to the base of the tower.

A 25-kilowatt natural gas generator would be installed at ground level, adjacent to the north side of the building, within a 10-foot by 8-foot lease area. The generator would be mounted on a concrete pad behind an existing wood fence. Utilities would extend up the north side of the building within a cable tray that would be painted to match the existing façade. The utilities would then extend along the interior side of a parapet wall to the steel H-frame and tower. Electrical and telephone service would connect to existing service in the building.

The office building, owned by 1069 East Main Street LLC, is located on a 0.52-acre parcel in Stamford's Neighborhood Business zone. The property is surrounded by other commercial uses to the west and east, Interstate 95 to the south and multi-family residential uses to the north.

The visual impact of the facility is not expected to be significant due to the commercial nature of the area and the relatively low height of the proposed tower. The generator would be concealed from view by an existing wood fence and utility lines running up the side of the building would be concealed by a cable tray. The tower and antennas would not be visible from East Main Street across from the site where multi-family housing is located.

The calculated power density would be 76.8 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. Notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is not required.

Notice was provided to the City of Stamford, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about June 1, 2017. No comments have been received 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 generator be concealed from view or painted to match the building façade.

Site Location

