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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 21, 2017

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1305** - 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 telecommunications facility on the roof of a commercial building located at 1280 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, 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. 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;
3. 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 Vernon;
4. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
5. 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;
6. 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;

7. 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
8. 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 June 2, 2017.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MAB/bm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated July 20, 2017

- c: The Honorable Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor, Town of Vernon
Andrew Marchese, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Vernon



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Cellco - Small Cell Facility 1280 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon

Staff Report July 20, 2017

On June 5, 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 a restaurant located at 1280 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon, Connecticut.

Cellco would install a small cell antenna and a remote radio head on a mast attached to the northerly portion of the roof to provide 700 MHz LTE service to the surrounding area. The roof is 16.7 feet above ground level (agl) and supports restaurant related mechanical equipment. The antenna and mast would extend 8.6 feet above the existing roof, to a height of 25.3 feet agl.

Cellco would install an equipment cabinet and equipment panel boxes at grade within an eight-foot by eight-foot lease area located in a paved area adjacent to the southwest corner of the building. An eight-foot high chain link fence with an access gate would enclose the equipment/lease area. Bollard protection would be installed around the enclosure. Power and telephone service would extend from existing service within the building.

The subject property is located on a 0.93-acre parcel in Vernon's Commercial zone district. A gas station is located east of the site. Residential development is located to the west, north and south.

The visual impact of the proposed facility is not expected to be significant due to the limited height of the facility, the presence of other mechanical equipment on the roof, and the location of the ground equipment to the rear of the building.

No wetlands or trees would be impacted by the project. The calculated power density would be 7.1 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 Town of Vernon, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about June 2, 2017. 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 condition:

1. Approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff.



Site Location – 1280 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon

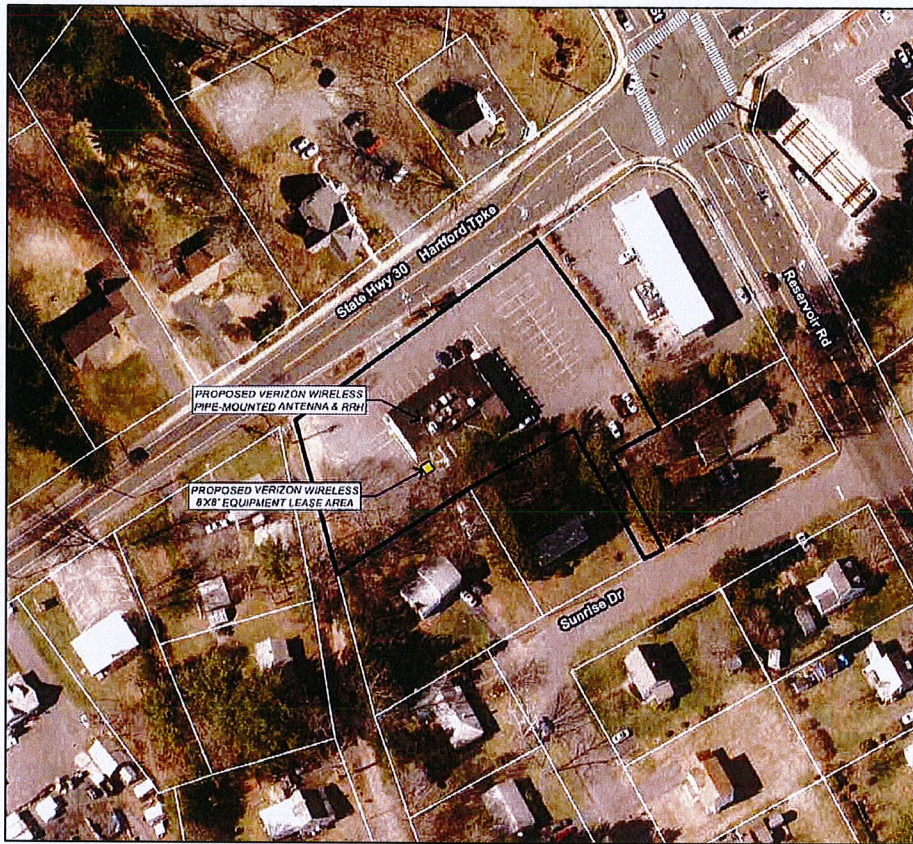


Photo-simulation of antenna from Hartford Tpk.

