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### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 21, 2017

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

RE: **PETITION NO. 1306** - 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 an existing commercial building located at 597 Farmington Avenue in Bristol, 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 City of Bristol;
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,



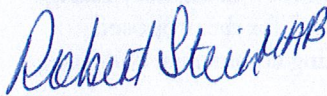
limitations and conditions contained in the Declaratory Ruling, including timely payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v; and

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 5, 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, bold font.

Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/MAB/MP/bm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated July 20, 2017

- c: The Honorable Ken Cockayne, Mayor, City of Bristol  
William J. Veits, Planning Commission Chairman, City of Bristol





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**Petition No. 1306**  
**Cellco**  
**597 Farmington Avenue, Bristol**  
**Small Cell Facility**  
**Staff Report**  
**July 20, 2017**

On June 6, 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 597 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut. Specifically, in an effort to increase Cellco's 2100 MHz coverage area and provide customers with improved wireless services in the area, Cellco proposes to install the small cell facility.

Cellco would install a small cell tower on the roof of an existing commercial building (Bristol Plaza Shopping Center) owned by Federal Realty Investment Trust. The tower would have a single canister-type antenna, one remote radio head (RRH) and a main distribution box attached to a pipe mast. The proposed small cell facility would extend to a maximum height of 35 feet 2-inches above ground level (agl). This would be approximately 5 feet above the existing maximum roof parapet height of 30 feet 2 inches agl. Cellco's radio equipment would be installed inside the building. Cellco's electric and telephone utilities would connect to an existing telecom/electrical room inside the building.

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

The subject property is located within Bristol's General Business (BG) Zone. While there are residences located to the north, east, and west (and farther to the south) of the subject property, the visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the narrow pipe-mount design, limited height (i.e. approximately 5 feet above the existing roof of the building) and existing trees along the boundaries of the subject property. No ground equipment compound is proposed.

The calculated power density would be 2.10 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 Bristol, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about June 5, 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 condition:

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



Site Location

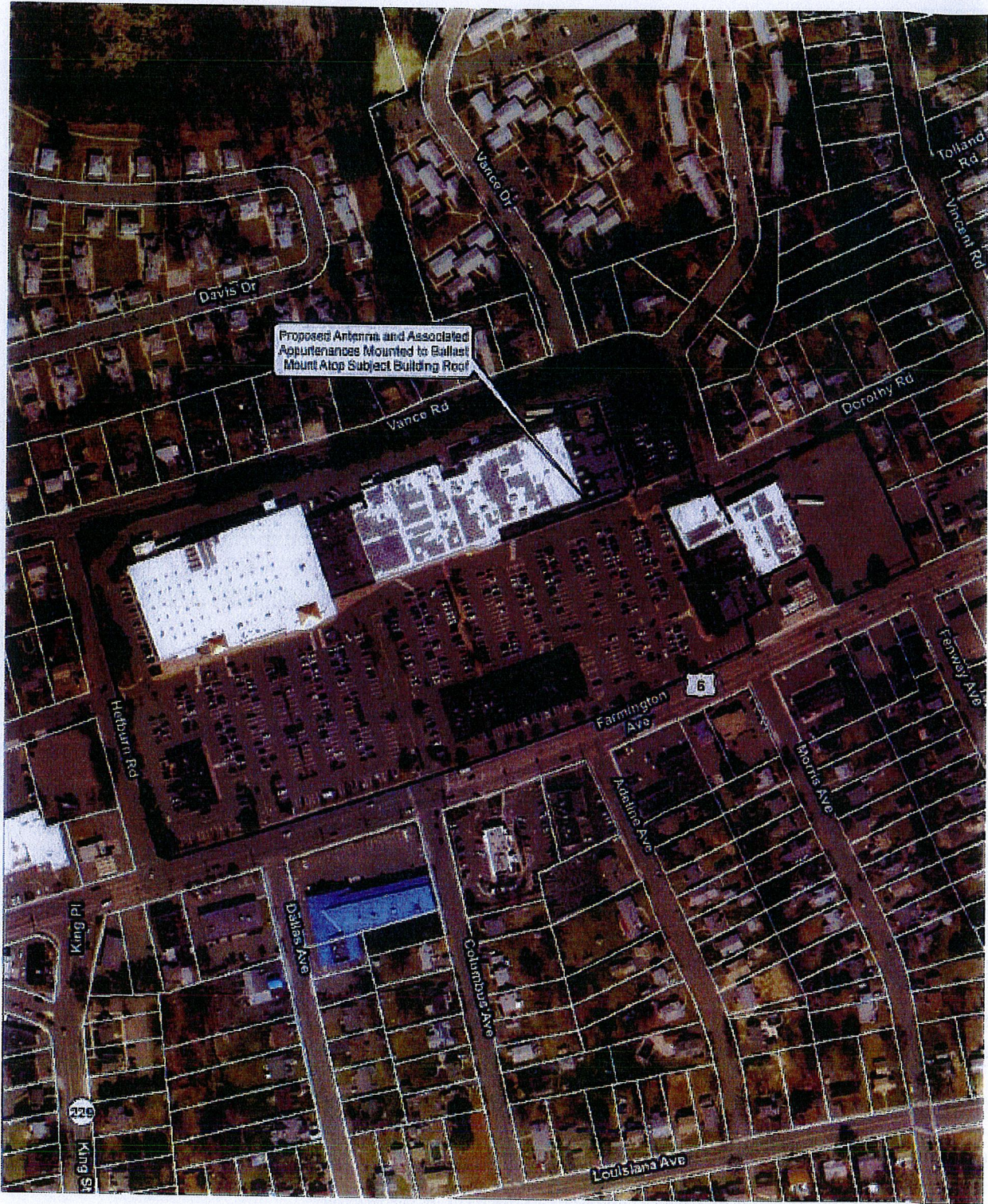




Photo-simulation as viewed from the host property near Farmington Avenue

