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### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 21, 2017

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1307** - 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 banquet center building located at Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune Avenue, New London, 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 New London;
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 7, 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 Michael E. Passero, Mayor, City of New London  
Tammy Daugherty, Director of the Office of Development & Planning, City of New London



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### Petition No. 1307

#### Cellco - Small Cell Facility Ocean Beach Park, New London

#### Staff Report July 20, 2017

On June 9, 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 Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune Avenue, New London, Connecticut. The small cell would provide 2100 MHz LTE service to the surrounding area.

Cellco would install a small tower mast to support two small cell antennas on top of the banquet center building in Ocean Beach Park. The tower and mast would extend to a height of 43 feet above ground level (agl) and would be concealed within a faux chimney structure. The upper roof of the banquet center is 30.5 feet agl. The faux brick chimney would extend from a lower roof along the wall that supports the upper portion of the building

Cellco would install an equipment cabinet and a panel box on an exterior lower wall of the building. A four-foot by eight-foot lease area with a gravel surface would be established below the wall mounted equipment for technician access. Utility lines from the wall mounted equipment would extend along exterior walls within a cable tray and along the roofline to the tower mast within the faux chimney. Power and telephone service would extend from existing service within the building.

The subject property is a 50-acre public park located on Long Island Sound. The visibility impact would be minimal given that the installation is within a faux chimney structure, concealing it from public view. The equipment cabinet, panel box and conduit would be painted to match the existing façade.

No wetlands or trees would be impacted by the project. The calculated power density would be 1.0 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 London, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about June 7, 2017. The Council has not received any comments to date.

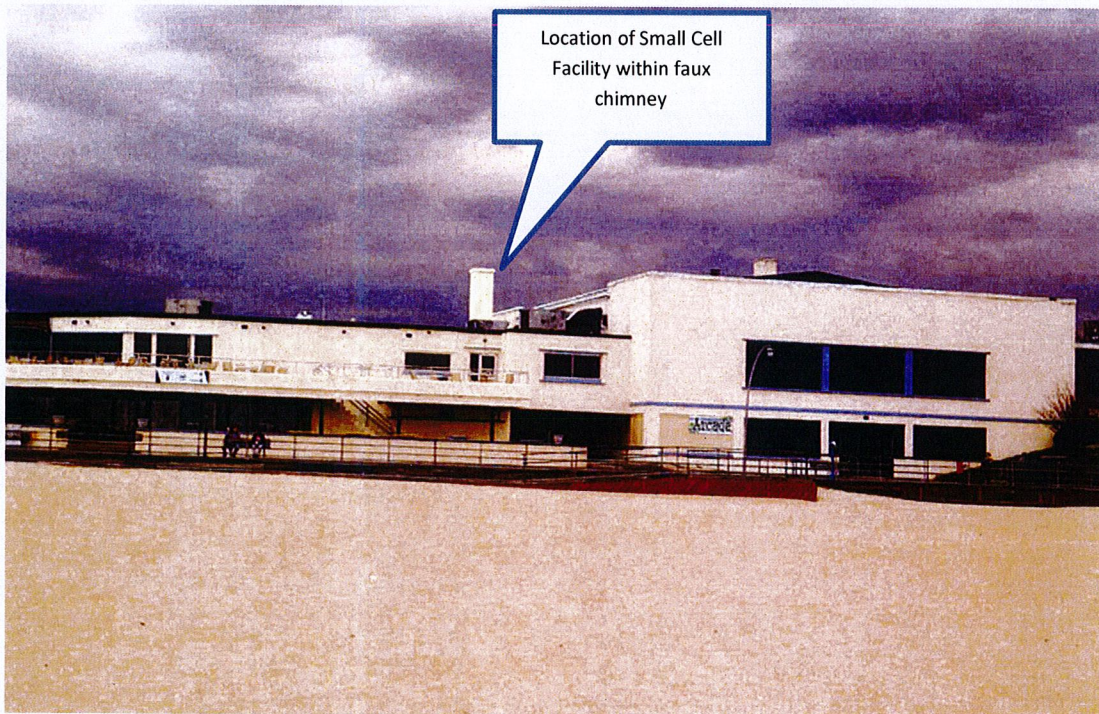
Cellco contends that this proposed project would not have a substantial adverse environmental impact.

Staff recommends the following condition:

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



Photo-simulation of installation from beach at Ocean Beach Park



Site Location

