

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE: :  
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A PETITION OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP : PETITION NO. 1309  
D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A :  
DECLARATORY RULING ON THE NEED TO :  
OBTAIN A SITING COUNCIL CERTIFICATE :  
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SMALL :  
CELL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY :  
AT 93 NORTH AIRLINE ROAD, :  
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT : JUNE 30, 2017

**RESPONSES OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON  
WIRELESS TO CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL INTERROGATORIES**

On June 23, 2017, the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) issued Interrogatories to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”), relating to Petition No. 1309. Below are Cellco’s responses.

Question No. 1

Describe how the new telecommunications pole will be installed.

Response

Utility pole installation requires the drilling of a hole, approximately 24 inches in diameter to set the pole. The bottom approximately seven (7) feet, of the pole will be placed below grade. Soil is then placed around the pole and compacted.

Question No. 2

Is grading necessary for the installation?

Response

Generally no. Minor grading may occur around the base of the pole.

Question No. 3

Would the guardrail fronting New Rock Hill Road be removed for construction and/or to provide permanent site access?

Response

A portion of the existing guardrail along New Rock Road may need to be removed to allow for installation of the small cell support pole. Cellco does not intend to establish any permanent access drive to the small cell pole location. After the pole is installed, the guardrail, if removed, would be replaced. Maintenance technicians will access the site by foot, or bucket truck, after parking their vehicle along New Rock Hill Road. Appropriate traffic safety measures during construction would be coordinated with the Town of Wallingford Police Department.

Question No. 4

If a section of the guardrail is to be temporarily or permanently removed, is approval required from the CT Department of Transportation and/or the Town?

Response

Cellco would consult with the Town of Wallingford Public Works Department or other Town departments, as necessary, to complete this work.

Question No. 5

Would a section of the fence depicted on Sheet C-2 be removed for the installation? If so, would a gate or replacement section be installed after facility installation is complete?

Response

The fence shown on the plan is actually a partially buried wire farm fence. Cellco does not intend to replace the fence if a portion is removed during construction. Also, a gate does not need to be installed to provide access to the pole location.

Question No. 6

Would installation of the telecommunications pole affect the drainage culvert identified on Site Plan Sheet C-2?

Response

No. The pole will be installed to the west of the drainage culvert and will not affect the existing structure.

Question No. 7

Clarify the distance from the wood pole to the mapped wetland area (both 30 and 50 feet are listed).

Response

The small cell support pole will be located 30 feet north of the mapped wetland area.

Question No. 8

Is the pole installation within a DEEP Natural Diversity Database marked area?

Response

No, the pole installation is not within a DEEP Natural Diversity Database (“NDDB”) buffered area. The nearest NDDB buffered area is located  $\pm 0.88$  mile to the south of the proposed pole installation. Please see enclosed NDDB Map provided in Attachment 1. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in a likely adverse effect to rare species.

Question No. 9

How many hours can the pole-mounted battery provide emergency power to the facility?

Response

If commercial power were interrupted, the battery system would last between four (4) to six (6) hours, depending upon network activity at the facility.

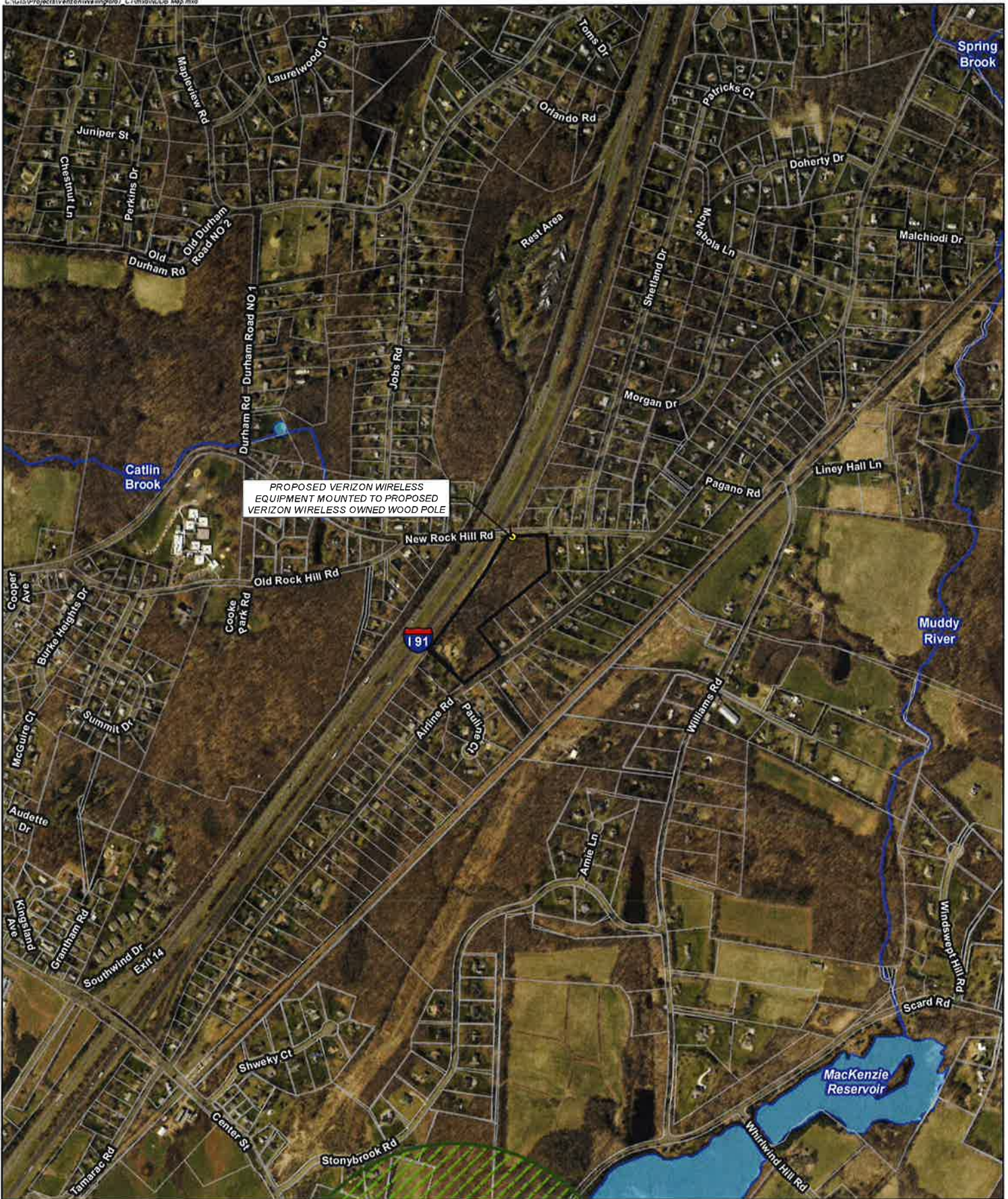
Question No. 10

Did Cellco consider using the existing utility pole on the north side of New Rock Hill Road to support the antenna installation?

Response

The two existing poles along the north side of New Rock Hill Road, across the street from the Wallingford 7 Facility are currently used for other purposes and are not available for use by Cellco. The existing pole to the northeast currently supports electric and communications service and a U-Verse cabinet at the base of the pole. The pole to the northwest of the Wallingford 7 Facility near the I-91 bridge currently supports two Sprint panel antennas and related wireless equipment.

# **ATTACHMENT 1**



- Legend**
- ⊙ Proposed Wood Pole
  - ⬡ Approximate Subject Property
  - ⬢ Approximate Parcel Boundary
  - ~ Watercourse (CTDEEP)
  - ▭ Open Water (CTDEEP)

 Natural Diversity Database (NDDB; June 2017)

**Map Notes:**  
 Base Map Source: 2016 CTECO Aerial Photograph  
 Map Scale: 1 inch = 1,000 feet  
 Map Date: June 2017



**NDDB Map**

Proposed Wireless  
 Telecommunications Facility  
 Wallingford 7 CT  
 93 North Airline Road  
 Wallingford, Connecticut

