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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 6, 2019

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1364A** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request to amend its declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial and residential building located at 192 Main Street, Norwich, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on December 5, 2019, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the amendment to the declaratory ruling and ruled that the above-referenced project 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 Norwich;
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 this petition amendment dated October 11, 2019.

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

Sincerely,



Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/RDM/emr

Enclosure: Staff Report dated December 5, 2019

c: The Honorable Peter A. Nystrom, Mayor, City of Norwich
John L. Salomone, City Manager, City of Norwich
Deanna Rhodes, City Planner, City of Norwich
Wauregan Development LLC, Property Owner



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Petition No. 1364A

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

192 Main Street, Norwich

Small Cell Facility

Staff Report

December 5, 2019

Introduction

On April 26, 2019, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Declaratory Ruling pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-176 and §16-50k, approving a proposal from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for the installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of a six story building at 192 Main Street in Norwich (Petition 1364). The approved small cell facility will provide capacity relief to three existing Cellco sites that serve the downtown Norwich area.

The approved small cell facility consisted of a single antenna and a remote radio head attached to a 10-foot tripod mast located in the center of the northern portion of the roof at a centerline height of 85.2 feet above ground level.

After the Council's approval, Cellco re-evaluated the approved small cell facility and now seeks to amend the Declaratory Ruling to redesign the facility layout. Cellco submitted a request to amend the Declaratory Ruling in Petition 1364 to the Council on October 15, 2019.

On October 16, 2019, the Council sent correspondence to the City of Norwich (City) stating that the Council has received the request to amend the Declaratory Ruling and invited the City to contact the Council with any questions or comments by November 14, 2019. The Council has not received any comments to date.

Cellco provided notice of the request to amend the Declaratory Ruling to the City, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about October 11, 2019. Shortly after notifying the City, the City's Zoning Enforcement Officer and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) contacted Cellco regarding concerns that the proposed amended small cell installation location on the building, known as the Wauregan Hotel, would impact a historic sign painted on the western portion of building façade. In response to those concerns, on November 15, 2019, Cellco submitted a revised amended site plan to the Council that re-located the proposed amended small cell installation eastward to the central portion of the building façade, away from the historic sign.

Proposed Amendment

Cellco, after consulting with the City and SHPO, proposes to install a single panel antenna and a remote radio head on a pipe mast attached to the upper façade on the north side of the building. The installation

would be on the central portion of the façade. The antenna would have a centerline height of approximately 78.9 feet above ground level. The rooftop cable tray would extend from the façade across the roof to a parapet wall where it would transition within the building to utility connections in the basement.

The calculated power density at ground level, the closest point of uncontrolled public exposure, would be 4.8 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment.

Notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is not required.

The antenna and remote radio head would be painted to match the building exterior. Unlike the previously approved antenna, the façade-mounted panel antenna would not extend above the roofline. A photo-simulation is attached.

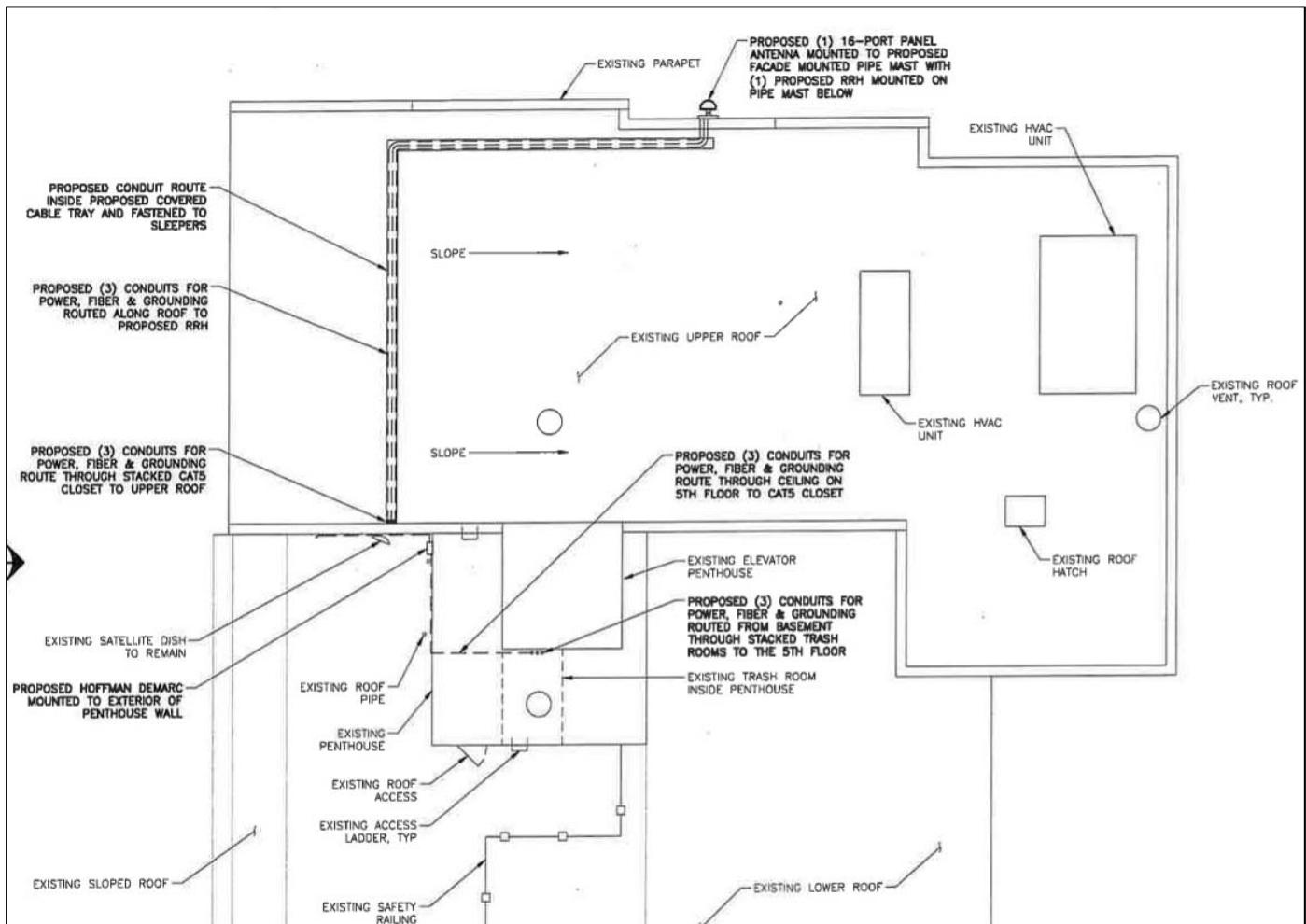
Conclusion

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

If approved, staff recommends the following condition:

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

Proposed Small Cell Facility Location



APPROX. NORTH

Photo-simulation of Small Cell Facility from Broadway

