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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 13, 2016

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1119** - 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 construction, maintenance, and operation of three pole-mounted small cell telecommunications facilities on the Woodstock Fairgrounds property located at 281 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on May 12, 2016, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the revisions to this petition submitted on April 21, 2016.

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 October 29, 2014 and in the revision submission dated April 20, 2016 and additional information received May 5, 2016.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/FOC/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated May 12, 2016

c: The Honorable Allen D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman, Town of Woodstock
Delia P. Fey, Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Woodstock
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Verizon

Woodstock, Connecticut

Staff Report - Modification

May 12, 2016

On December 11, 2014, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved a petition from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a "small cell" telecommunications facility at the Woodstock Fairgrounds, 281 Norwich Worcester Turnpike (Route 169) in Woodstock, Connecticut. Construction of three (3) "small cell" telecommunications facilities was completed in August of 2015.

On April 21, 2016, Verizon filed a modification to relocate "small cell" pole location 1 (most western site of three) on the fairgrounds. The Woodstock Agricultural Society, owner of the property, is demolishing the current first aid building and constructing a new larger first aid building. Verizon proposes to move the "small cell" pole location 1 nineteen feet southeast of its current location to allow construction of the new first aid building.

Verizon's relocated "small cell" facility will be a wood pole with a total height of approximately 35 feet above ground level (AGL) supporting a 700 MHz "small cell" antenna on the replacement pole at a height of 25 feet AGL. Verizon would also place an equipment cabinet on the pole about five feet above grade. This facility would not require any notable alterations to the fairgrounds and should not noticeably increase the visibility of the facility. Utility service would be provided through the fairground's existing overhead lines. Staff calculates that the power density of Verizon's "small cell" would be approximately 0.4% of the FCC's Maximum Permissible Emissions limit.

Verizon notified the Town and abutting property owners. No comments have been received.

The proposed relocation of a "small cell" telecommunications facility is not expected to have any substantial adverse environmental effects. Staff recommends approval.

