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September 18, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: PETITION NO. 1121 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of and modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 353 Pumpkin Hill Road, Ashford, Connecticut. Request for Modification.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on September 17, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the revisions to this petition dated September 10, 2015 with the following conditions:

- APT will meet the contractor on site to review the locations of wetland resources with emphasis on protecting these sensitive resources throughout the course of the construction project;
• APT will verify in the field with the contractor the proposed new limit of erosion controls to ensure no mature shrubs or trees are removed;
• APT will inspect the erosion controls following installation to ensure proper installation for protection of nearby wetland resources; and,
• The temporary construction staging/laydown area shall be restored by the contractor following construction by filling any ruts and seeding with New England Conservation Seed Mix.

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 November 25, 2014, the submission dated July 13, 2015 and revision filing dated September 10, 2015.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein MAB

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MP/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated September 17, 2015

- c: The Honorable Michael J. Zambo, First Selectman, Town of Ashford
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Petition No. 1121

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

353 Pumpkin Hill Road, Ashford

Staff Report

September 17, 2015

On January 8, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) rendered a declaratory ruling to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of an existing telecommunications facility located at 353 Pumpkin Hill Road, Ashford. Specifically, Cellco seeks to replace an existing 300-foot guyed lattice tower with a new 240-foot self-supporting lattice tower.

On July 13, 2015, Cellco submitted final structural design drawings for the tower and foundation including the tower setback radius will remain within the subject property and a three to five year plan for maintaining the restored wetland areas and monitoring and control of invasive species consistent with the Council's decision. Cellco endeavors to provide the FAA's determination with respect to the type of lighting on the tower prior to operation of the tower facility. Cellco also stated construction would commence on or about September 1, 2015.

On September 10, 2015, All Points Technology Corporation (APT), on behalf of Cellco, submitted a modification to the site plan. Pre-construction discussions with Cellco's contractor for the referenced project revealed a need for a minor modification to the limit of work along the west side of the existing fenced compound. (See Figure 1) Providing a larger temporary construction staging/laydown area west of the existing compound would allow for improved construction vehicle access and staging in order to properly and safely construct the new tower and remove the guy anchors of the existing tower. In order to accommodate construction activities while providing proper protection to nearby wetlands, a revised limit of erosion control measures is proposed. The erosion control measures will shift approximately 49 feet west and no closer than approximately 11 feet of the wetland limits. (See Figure 2) The extent of this temporary construction staging/laydown area is intentionally limited to the existing cleared area to avoid removal of mature tree and shrub vegetation that currently buffers the wetland area.

Staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

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Figure 1. Site plan as approved on January 8, 2015.



