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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 6, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1142** - 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 commercial building located at 2 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on April 2, 2015, 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:

- Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
- 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;
- If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year the Petitioner shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council within 90 days from the one year period of cessation of service. The Petitioner may submit a written request to the Council for an extension of the 90 day period not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the 90 day period; and
- This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred or partially transferred, provided both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. 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. Both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council with a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.

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 March 2, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/RM/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated April 2, 2015

- c: The Honorable Edward M. O'Brien, Mayor, City of West Haven
- Joseph A. Riccio, Jr., Commissioner, Planning & Development, City of West Haven
- The Honorable Benjamin G. Blake, Mayor, City of Milford
- David Sulkis, City Planner, City of Milford
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Petition No. 1142

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

2 Ocean Avenue, West Haven

Staff Report

April 2, 2015

On March 2, 2015, 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 on a commercial building at 2 Ocean Avenue in West Haven. Cellco seeks to improve 700 MHz and 2100 MHz services in the surrounding area. Capacity issues are occurring due to the high concentration of commercial and residential use as well as high volumes of traffic concentrated along the public beaches in West Haven and Milford.

Cellco would install a single canister-type antenna and one remote radio head attached to a pipe mast mounted on the side of an existing brick chimney on the roof of the building. The pipe mast would extend approximately 4.5 feet above the top of the chimney. Cellco would perform a structural analysis of the chimney prior to installation.

An equipment cabinet would be located on a steel platform mounted on the roof of the building. Power and telephone service would be connected to existing service inside the building.

The maximum worst-case power density would be 20.7 percent of the applicable limit.

The visual impact of the project is expected to be negligible as the stealth design extends 4.5 feet above the existing chimney and would appear similar to other roof mounted equipment such as vents. The building is located in West Haven's Business Zone. The small cell would not be an aviation hazard.

Notice was provided to the City of West Haven and City of Milford (within 2,500 feet), the property owner, and abutting property owners. No comments have been received to date.

