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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 27, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1164** - 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 an existing commercial building at Mystic Aquarium located at 55 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic (Stonington), Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on July 23, 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:

- 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.
- 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 Town of Stonington.
- 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;
- 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;

- 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
- 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 the petition dated June 15, 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 July 23, 2015

- c: The Honorable George Crouse, First Selectman, Town of Stonington
Keith Brynes, Town Planner, Town of Stonington
Sea Research Foundation Inc.



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Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Stonington, Connecticut

Staff Report

July 23, 2015

On June 15, 2015, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) submitted a petition (Petition) to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) 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 at 55 Coogan Boulevard in the Mystic section of Stonington, Connecticut. Notice of the Petition was provided to the Town of Stonington, the property owner, and abutting property owners. No comments have been received to date.

Cellco is experiencing a high volume of data traffic in the area of the proposed site; a heavily developed commercial area along Interstate 95 that includes a shopping center, several restaurants and hotels, and the Mystic Aquarium. Although Cellco currently has three existing facilities within two miles of the site, none of these sites provide adequate 2100 MHz service to the area. The proposed site would provide service to existing 2100 MHz service gaps in the area as well as data capacity relief to adjacent sites.

The proposed "small cell" facility consists of a single canister antenna and a remote radio head mounted on a mast attached to the roof of a building at the Mystic Aquarium complex. The overall height of the small cell facility would extend 8.5 feet above the roof. Ground equipment serving the antenna would be installed on a concrete pad adjacent to the west side of the building. Power and telephone service would be connected to existing service inside the building.

The maximum worst-case power density from site operation would be 5.1 percent of the applicable limit.

The proposed small cell installation would have no significant adverse visual impact as it resembles existing building materials and is located in a commercial area.

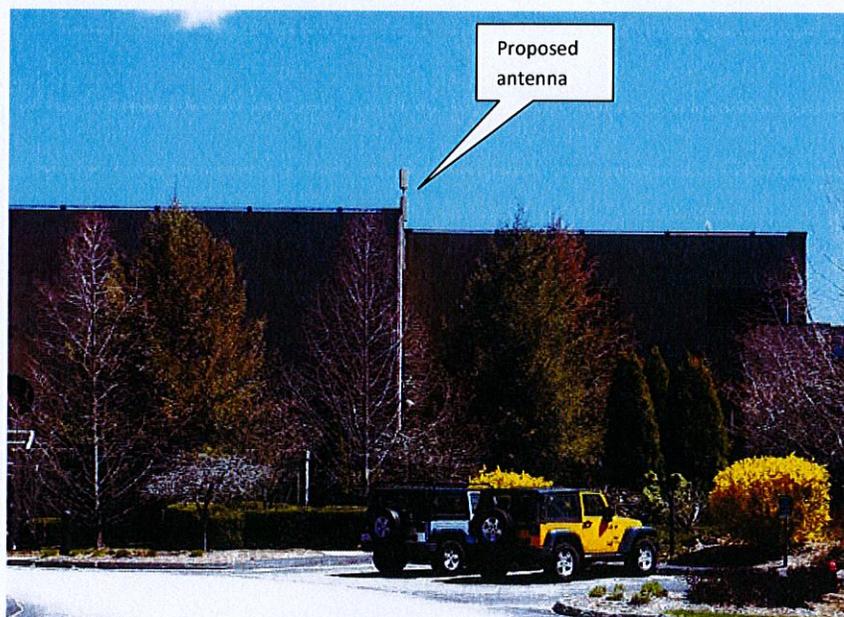


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