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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 29, 2015

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1158** - 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 398 Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on June 25, 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 Ellington;
- 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 May 15, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/MP/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated June 25, 2015

- c: The Honorable Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman, Town of Ellington
Lisa M. Houlihan, Town Planner, Town of Ellington
Harold G. Levesque, Jr., Property Owner



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Cellco

398 Somers Road, Ellington

Small Cell Facility

Staff Report

June 25, 2015

On May 15, 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 the roof of an existing building located at 398 Somers Road, Ellington. Cellco currently has 2100 MHz coverage gaps along portions of Somers Road (Route 83) and in other locations in the surrounding area in Ellington. In an effort to resolve this coverage problem, off-load capacity from an existing site and provide customers with improved wireless services in the area, Cellco proposes to install a small cell facility.

Specifically, Cellco would install a small tower with a single canister-type antenna, one remote radio head (RRH), and an over-voltage protection utility connection box on the roof of the building. The building is a single-story commercial building owned by Harold G. Levesque, Jr. and occupied by TSI Harley-Davidson. This section of the building has a parapet wall that reaches a height of approximately 18.2 feet above ground level (agl). The proposed tower, with appurtenances, would extend approximately seven feet above the top of the parapet wall of the roof of the building and reach a maximum height of 25.2 feet agl.

Radio equipment and a battery backup system would be contained within an equipment cabinet and placed on an eight-foot by eight-foot concrete pad on the west side of the building. The equipment area would be surrounded by a six-foot tall fence for security purposes. Power and telephone service would connect to existing service inside the building. Antenna cables would be routed along the roof of the building and down the western wall of the building to reach the equipment compound.

The subject property is located within Ellington's Industrial Zone. The property is surrounded by commercial and light industrial uses including Ellington Airport to the north, south, and west and residential uses to the east. The nearest home is approximately 460 feet to the southeast.

The visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the commercial/industrial nature of the area west of Route 83, the limited tower height of less than ten feet above the parapet wall along the nearest roof-line, and the distance to the nearest residence. In addition, the equipment compound on the western side of the building is not expected to be visible from the residences to the east.

The maximum worst-case power density would be 22.5 percent of the applicable limit. No notice is required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Notice was provided to the Town of Ellington, the property owner, and abutting property owners. No comments have been received to date.

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

Site Location



Photo-simulation as viewed from Route 83

