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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 5, 2015

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1182** - 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 building at Farm Car Care Center Inc. located at 11 Windermere Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on October 1, 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 Vernon;
- 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 August 25, 2015 and additional information received on September 1, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/CH/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated October 1, 2015

- c: The Honorable Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor, Town of Vernon
Andrew Marchese, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Vernon
Michael Baum, Farm Car Care Center Inc.





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Petition No. 1182

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 11 Windermere Avenue, Vernon

Staff Report

October 1, 2015

On August 27, 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 on the Farm Car Care Center Inc. garage at 11 Windermere Avenue in Vernon. The property is owned by Farm Car Care Center Inc. The facility would provide capacity relief to Cellco's network in Vernon and provide enhanced 2100 MHz service to the busy commercial area surrounding the property.

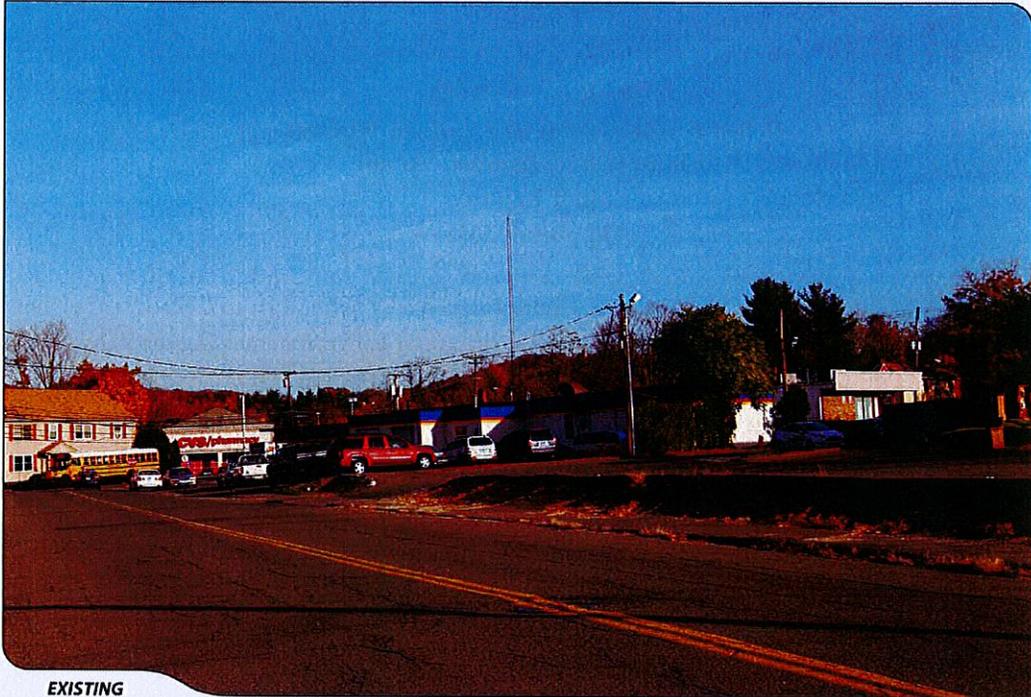
Specifically, Cellco would install a single canister-type antenna and remote radio head to the top of a small tower, attached to the roof of the existing building. An existing 55-foot guyed-lattice tower on the roof of the building is no longer used by the property owner and would be removed prior to the proposed tower's installation. The mast and antenna would extend approximately 13 feet above the roof of the building, to an overall height of 31.4 feet above ground level. Equipment associated with the small cell antenna would be located in an equipment cabinet mounted on the westerly wall of the building. The 0.8-acre parcel is within Vernon's Commercial zone district. The property is surrounded by other commercial uses along Route 74/83 and residential uses to the south.

The visual impact of the project is expected to be an overall improvement as the existing 55-foot guyed-lattice tower atop the building would be removed prior to the proposed tower's installation. The visibility of the proposed small cell installation is expected to be negligible when compared to existing commercial equipment in the area. See the photo-simulation on the next page. Ground disturbance associated with this proposal will be limited to that needed for the grounding of the Cellco equipment. All other small cell improvements will be located on or attached to the existing building.

The site would have a cumulative worst-case power density of 0.17 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

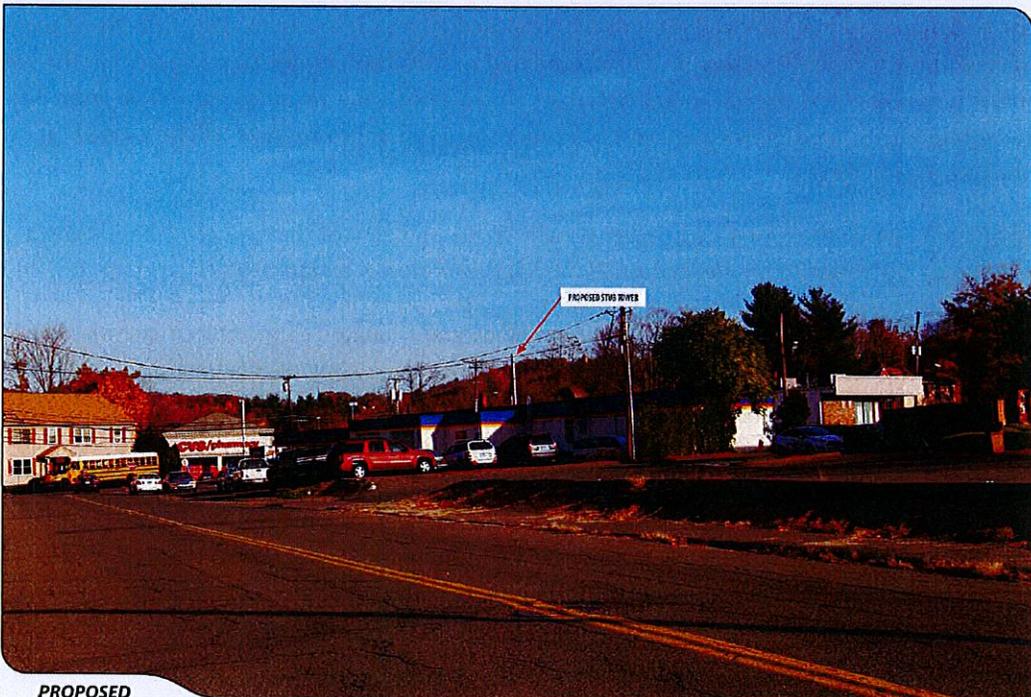
Notice was provided to Vernon's Mayor, Daniel A. Champagne and Ellington's First Selectman, Maurice W. Blanchette. A copy of the Petition was also sent to the property owner. A copy of this Petition was sent to the owners of land that abuts the property. No comments have been received to date.

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



EXISTING

PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE
3	FRANKLIN STREET	SOUTHEAST	+/- 0.08 MILE



PROPOSED

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