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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 17, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1187** - 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 the existing Griswold High School located at 303 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on November 12, 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 Griswold;
- 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 September 2, 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 November 12, 2015

- c: The Honorable Kevin A. Skulczyck, First Selectman, Town of Griswold
Mario J. Tristany, Jr, Town Planner, Town of Griswold



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Petition No. 1187

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

303 Slater Avenue, Griswold

Staff Report

November 12, 2015

On September 3, 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 attached to the roof of the Griswold High School at 303 Slater Avenue, Griswold, owned by the Town of Griswold. The facility would provide coverage to existing gaps in service, and capacity relief to Cellco's network in the 2100 MHz frequency range to western portions of Griswold and eastern portions of Lisbon, particularly the Griswold High School campus.

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. The tower, antenna, remote radio head, and related equipment would all be concealed within a faux vent pipe-type structure. The top of the faux vent stack would extend to a height of approximately ten feet above the roof of the building, to an overall height of approximately 38.1 feet above ground level. Equipment associated with the facility would be located in two ground-mounted equipment cabinets located near the southeast corner of the building. Power and telephone service to this facility would extend from existing service on the property. The 49.74 -acre parcel is within Griswold's R-40 Residential zone district. The property is surrounded by educational uses including the Griswold Elementary and Middle School buildings as well as residential and commercial uses along Routes 138 and 164.

The visual impact of the project is expected to be negligible as the small cell facility would be concealed within a faux vent pipe and two equipment cabinets on the ground adjacent to the building. The placement of two equipment cabinets on the ground adjacent to the building, would not involve a significant alteration in the physical and environmental characteristics of the property.

The maximum worst-case power density would be 0.41 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 Griswold's First Selectman Kevin A. Skulczyck. The Town of Griswold owns the Property. A copy of the Petition was also sent to Lisbon's First Selectman Thomas W. Sparkman, because portions of the Property are within 2,500 feet of the Lisbon/Griswold Town line. A copy of the Petition was also 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.



PROPOSED

PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE
5	HOST PROPERTY (24mm Focal Length)	WEST	+/- 108 FEET



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PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE
2	HOST PROPERTY	NORTH	+/- 367 FEET

