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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 17, 2015

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1188** - 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 1081 Huntington Road, Stratford, 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 Stratford;
- 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 3, 2015 and additional information received on October 16, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,

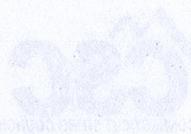


Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/CH/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated November 12, 2015

c: The Honorable John A. Harkins, Mayor, Town of Stratford
Gary Lorentson, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Town of Stratford
Hill Top Market LLC





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Petition No. 1188

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 1081 Huntington Road, Stratford

Staff Report

November 12, 2015

On September 4, 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 an existing commercial building at 1081 Huntington Road, Stratford, owned by Hill Top Market LLC. The facility would provide service coverage to existing gaps in the 2100 MHz frequency range and capacity relief to Cellco's network in the central Stratford area.

Specifically, Cellco would install a small tower attached to the roof of the Hill Top Market building. The tower would support three panel antennas and three remote radio heads. The tower, antennas and remote radio heads would be concealed inside a faux chimney structure. The faux chimney would extend to a height of approximately 10 feet above the parapet wall, approximately 23.5 feet above ground level. Equipment associated with the facility would be located in a wall-mounted cabinet to the rear of the building. Power and telephone service to the facility would extend from existing service inside the building. The 0.28-acre commercial parcel is within Stratford's RS-4 zone. The property is surrounded by residential uses along Huntington Road, Douglas Street and Federal Street.

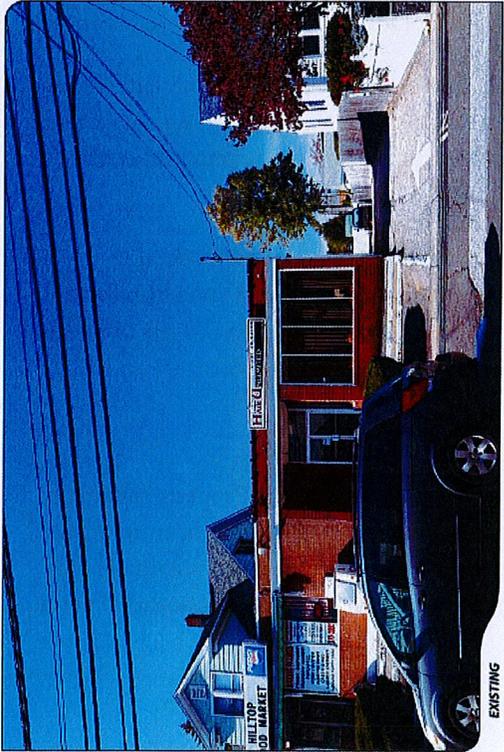
The visual impact of the project is expected to be negligible as the small tower, antennas and remote radio heads on the roof of the building would be concealed inside a faux chimney structure. The placement of an equipment cabinet to the rear of the building would not involve a significant alteration in the physical and environmental characteristics of the Property.

This petition is governed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which is administered by the Federal Telecommunications Commission (FCC). The FCC regulates the radio frequency emissions of such installations. The maximum worst-case power density would be 11.27 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment consistent with FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) Bulletin 65.

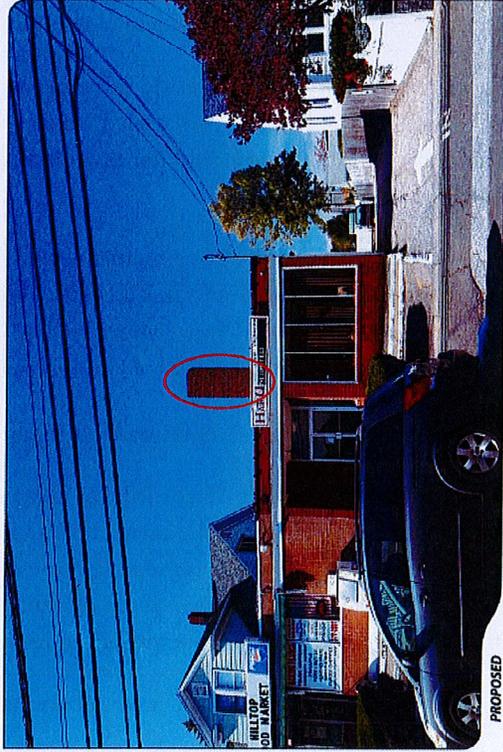
No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

Notice was provided to Stratford's Mayor John A. Harkins and to Hill Top Market LLC, the Property owner. A copy of the Petition was also sent to the owners of land that abuts the Property. Comments have been received from several nearby property owners expressing concerns about the potential for health risks from living in the immediate vicinity of the small cell. One of the aforementioned property owners provided a neighborhood petition with signatures of residents opposing the proposed installation.

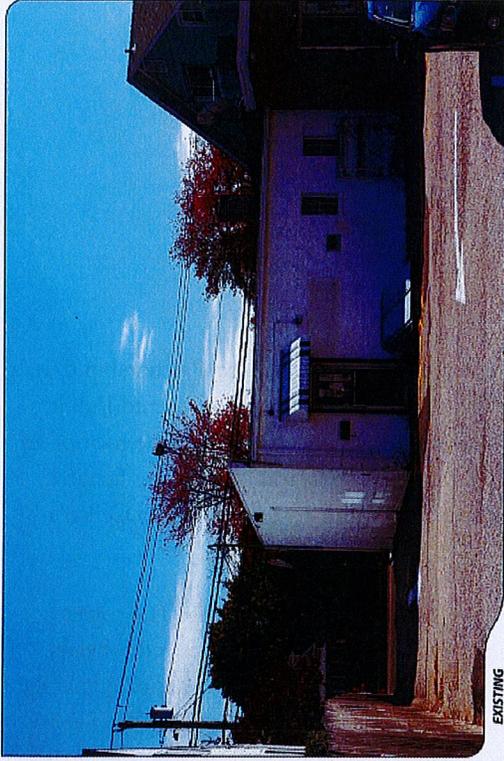
Cellco contends that this proposed project would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect.



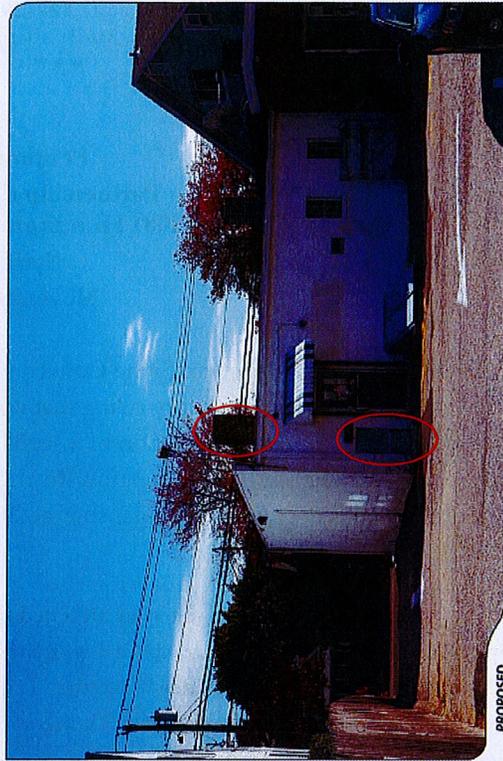
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