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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 24, 2016

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1232** - 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 modification of an existing telecommunications facility located at 167 Cocomo Circle (a/k/a Lester Street), New Britain, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on June 23, 2016, 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:

1. 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;
2. 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 City of New Britain;
3. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
4. 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;
5. This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred, provided the facility owner/operator/transferee 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

6. 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 May 13, 2016.

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

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/RDM/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated June 23, 2016

- c: The Honorable Erin Stewart, Mayor, City of New Britain
Sergio Lupo, Director of License Permit & Inspections, City of New Britain
Crown Atlantic Company LLC



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Petition No. 1232

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

167 Lester Street, New Britain

Staff Report

June 23, 2016

On May 16, 2016, 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 modification of an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 167 Lester Street in New Britain. On or about May 13, 2016, the Petitioner notified the City of New Britain, the Town of Newington (within 2,500 feet), the property owner and abutting property owners of the proposed project. To date, the Council has not received any comments regarding the Petition filing.

The existing facility, owned by Crown Castle, consists of a 190-foot monopole in an industrial/commercial area. Cellco is located at the 145-foot level of the tower and has a 12-foot by 30-foot shelter within the compound.

The proposed modification consists of a new 16-foot by 30-foot equipment shelter within the compound to house Centralized Radio Access Network (CRAN) equipment. A CRAN connects several individual telecommunications sites to a local centralized hub, thereby decreasing the amount of cell site hardware deployed at the individual facilities. This allows for more flexibility in the selection of future cell site locations and a reduction in operational cost.

Cellco would install the new CRAN shelter adjacent to its existing equipment shelter. Additionally, Cellco would expand its existing shelter by 23 square feet and replace an existing 40 kW emergency generator with a new 100 kW generator for emergency power to both shelters.

All work would occur within the existing compound. No substantial adverse environmental or visual impact is expected from the proposed installation. Noise from the HVAC units as well as the new generator would meet Connecticut Noise Standards. Radio frequency emissions for the site would not change.



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