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### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 9, 2015

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.  
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280 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1136** - 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 Econo Lodge Motel building located at 1843 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on March 5, 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:

- 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 January 21, 2015.

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

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Philip T. Ashton MAB in blue ink.

Philip Ashton  
Acting Chairman

PA/MP/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated March 5, 2015

- c: The Honorable Michael Riccio, Chairman, Town of Southington
- Garry Brumback, Town Manager, Town of Southington
- Robert Phillips, Town Planner, Town of Southington
- Sidin Holdings LLC



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### Petition No. 1136

**Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
1843 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington  
Staff Report  
March 5, 2015**

On January 21, 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 at the Econo Lodge Motel located at 1843 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington. Cellco is currently experiencing capacity issues in the immediate area associated with commercial development such as the Econo Lodge Motel, Travel America Truck Stop, Home Depot, and proximity to I-84 and I-691. Cellco is also experiencing capacity issues at its Cheshire North 2 site at 705 West Johnson Road in Cheshire. In an effort to resolve this coverage and capacity problem and provide customers with improved wireless services in the area, Cellco proposes to install a small cell facility.

Specifically, Cellco would install a single canister-type antenna and one remote radio head (RRH) attached to a stub tower on the roof of the Econo Lodge Motel building. The antenna, RRH, and tower would be enclosed by a faux chimney structure (made of RF transparent material) that would extend approximately eight-feet above the roof of the building. An equipment cabinet would be located inside the building in a second-floor storage closet. Power and telephone service would be connected to existing service inside the building.

A Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut has certified that the building is structurally adequate to support the proposed small cell facility. The maximum worst-case power density would be 10.6 percent of the applicable limit. No notice to the Federal Aviation Administration is required.

The visual impact of the project is expected to be negligible as the stealth design is intended to look like a chimney. Visibility of the small cell installation would be limited to an approximately 600-foot radius. Existing trees on the subject property are also taller than the faux chimney. See the photo-simulation on the next page.

Notice was provided to the Town of Southington, 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.

