STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 26-09-07
APPLICATION FOR CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY NEW CANAAN SC47 CT

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

On September 11, 2026, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco or Company) submitted an application, requesting that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA) approve its construction plan to install a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on Utility Pole # 3819S, located within the public right-of-way adjacent to 954 Ponus Ridge, New Canaan, Connecticut. See General Statutes §§ 16-234(f) and 16-247h; Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-247c-5; Decision, Apr. 27, 2011, Docket No. 08-06-19RE01, DPUC Investigation into the Deployment of Distributed Antenna System (DAS) in the Public Rights of Way in Connecticut-CPCN Requirement. In response, the Authority is conducting this contested proceeding pursuant to General Statutes § 16-234(f) to address the issues raised in the application.

Additional information is available on the Authority's website, https://portal.ct.gov/pura, regarding the procedural practices of the Authority. All of the filings in this docket are available on the Authority's website under the "Docket Information" link. Persons may register to receive e-mail notifications when documents are filed or issued in this docket. For assistance with any Authority online service, contact the PURA case coordinator assigned to this docket, **Yanika Stewart, who can be reached via email at yanika.n.stewart@ct.gov.**

PANEL OF COMMISSIONERS AND HEARING OFFICER

In accordance with General Statutes § 16-2(c), the chairperson assigns this proceeding to a panel of all appointed and qualifying commissioners—presently, Chairman Wiehl, Vice-Chairman Arconti, and Commissioners Beecher, Smith, and Cheeseman. The panel designated Attorney Elizabeth Tanaka as hearing officer, to conduct hearings, as necessary, ascertain the facts, and report thereon to the panel. General Statutes §§ 16-2(c), 16-8(a), and 4-166(13).

DELEGATION TO THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND ENFORCEMENT

The Authority hereby delegates the review of this matter to its Office of Education, Outreach and Enforcement (EOE) pursuant to General Statutes § 16-19j. The delegation of this docket to EOE is intended to provide ratepayers and parties that interact with the Authority an improved customer service experience by allowing trained EOE staff to interact directly with parties. Notably, the prohibition against ex parte communications is waived between EOE staff and the public or regulated entities. Although EOE staff are

prohibited from speaking on behalf of the Authority or speculating regarding the Authority's ultimate disposition of a matter, EOE staff may use their training and expertise to answer questions and facilitate the completion of applications. However, the prohibition on ex parte communications remains in effect between EOE staff and PURA decisional staff, and between PURA decisional staff and the applicants and any other parties in this proceeding, as discussed in more detail below. In the event the matter requires adjudication, EOE will be afforded all rights and obligations ascribed to parties in the proceeding.

For matters in which no objections are maintained by docket parties and for which EOE is recommending a favorable disposition of the matter, EOE shall file a proposed final decision in the docket, outlining its findings and recommendations. The proposed final decision submitted by EOE will be voted on by a panel of Authority commissioners at the next available regular meeting. For unopposed matters in which EOE is recommending an unfavorable disposition, EOE shall file a motion with a proposed draft decision in the docket, and the matter will be transferred to PURA decisional staff for adjudication.

For matters in which an objection has been submitted and mediation is unsuccessful, EOE shall file a motion requesting a hearing in the docket and the matter will be transferred to PURA decisional staff for further proceedings.

PARTIES AND INTERVENORS TO THE PROCEEDING

The Authority has designated Cellco, Michael J. Cognetta, Immacolata Cognetta, Daniel S. Messina, Marie S. Messina, EOE, the Office of Consumer Counsel, and the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) as parties to this proceeding. Additionally, the Authority has designated the Town of New Canaan as an intervenor. Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-1-15 requires parties and intervenors to serve a copy of each filed document to every person or entity on the service list, which is available on the Authority's website, at http://www.ct.gov/pura.

ATTORNEYS

Attorneys representing a party or intervenor or otherwise appearing before the Authority shall promptly file a written notice of appearance in this docket. Attorneys not admitted to practice law before the Connecticut Superior Court must comply with Connecticut's *pro hac vice* procedures prior to making an appearance.

REQUEST FOR PARTY OR INTERVENOR STATUS

Other persons seeking party or intervenor status in this proceeding must file a motion, in accordance with General Statutes § 4-177a, no later than **October 12, 2026, before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time**. Persons seeking intervenor status have the option to do so by completing and filing the Motion for Intervenor/Participant Status form as a motion in this docket. Each person seeking party or intervenor status may designate up to two persons for inclusion on the service list. Others who wish to receive email notifications, but do not seek official status in the matter, may register on the PURA

website, http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DPUCPublicList.NSF, for an e-mail notification account.

MOTIONS

Any person seeking a procedural change or other Authority approval must file a motion with the Authority. Motions must be served on the service list for this proceeding. Motions for extension of time shall be filed in advance of the prescribed deadline and should provide sufficient time for the Authority to consider timely objections and to rule on the motion. Objections and responses to all other motions are due no later than seven (7) calendar days following Authority receipt.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF FILINGS

Unless otherwise specified, the Authority requires electronic submission of all filings, including applications and motions, using the Authority's online filing system (links and instructions at https://portal.ct.gov/pura). Persons filing electronically or wishing to be listed as a contact must first create an account through the Authority's website under Docket Services (Make a Filing). Unless otherwise specified, filings are to be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on the due date.

INFORMATION PROTECTED FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The Authority operates with the strong presumption that all documents filed with it are public records subject to the right of public inspection and copying in accordance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, General Statutes § 1-200 *et seq*. In those exceptional circumstances where a party or intervenor believes that information is exempt from public disclosure under law, a motion for a protective order may be filed. The motion must provide specific facts and legal arguments, with reference to state or federal law, explaining why the information should not be filed publicly. A certified affidavit supplied by a competent witness in support of the motion must be appended to the motion. **Until otherwise directed by the Authority, all prospective protected material must be submitted electronically by email to Jeff.Gaudiosi@ct.gov contemporaneously with the filing of a motion. The email's subject line and each page of any attached documents shall state in all capital letters "PROTECTED MATERIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."** The associated motion for a protective order shall be filed publicly.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED

Legal restrictions on *ex parte* communications apply to this contested proceeding. Therefore, parties, intervenors, and other persons may not communicate, directly or indirectly, with commissioners or PURA staff[1] on any issue of fact or law pertaining to this matter except upon notice and opportunity for all to participate. See Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-1-28; General Statutes § 4-181. Accordingly, any such communication with

[1] Authority staff members designated as a party to this proceeding under General Statutes § 16-19j are not subject to the prohibition on ex parte communications when communicating with other parties.

the commissioners or PURA staff is to (1) occur only during a noticed public hearing or meeting or (2) be submitted in writing through the public case management system, with service to all other parties and intervenors. Communication with the PURA case coordinator regarding scheduling or administrative matters is permitted.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION

The Authority, which is within DEEP for administrative purposes only, is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint or require some other accommodation, including equipment to facilitate virtual participation, please contact the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. Any person needing an accommodation for hearing impairment may call the State of Connecticut relay number, 7-1-1. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program, or event.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, this 28th day of September, 2026.

By direction of the presiding officer,



Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary

Cc: Service List