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DATE:

November 29, 2007

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 349 - Global Signal Acquisitions II application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1919

Boston Post Road, Guilford, Connecticut.

Introduction

The application is from Global Signal Acquisitions II for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Guilford, Connecticut.

Global Signal would replace and relocate an existing 150-foot telecommunications tower from its current location to a different location on an adjacent parcel to accommodate a planned shopping center.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through prehearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the New Haven Register and the Shoreline Times.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Guilford on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Guilford Town Hall.



V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	10/23/07
Completeness review	11/29/07
Subcommittee meeting	11/29/07
Pre-hearing Questions	
Set-One Filed	11/30/07
Set-One responses due	12/19/07
Set-Two Filed	12/21/07
Set-Two responses due	01/10/08
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	01/03/08
Pre-filed testimony due	01/08/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/08/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	01/15/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	01/15/08
Close of Record	02/14/08
Draft Findings of Fact	02/20/08
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/10/08
Deadline for Decision	04/20/08

Siting Analyst: David Martin