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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 353** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 38 Maple Street, Kent, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Kent, Connecticut.

Cellco proposes to construct a 150-foot monopole at 38 Maple Street in Kent. The 10.19-acre parcel is used by the Town of Kent's Public Works Garage and Solid Waste Transfer Station. The proposed 50-foot by 80-foot fenced equipment compound would be located in the central portion of the property.

The proposed monopole would be designed to accommodate use by four wireless carriers and the Kent emergency service and municipal antennas. Cellco would locate antennas at the 150-foot level of the proposed tower, with antennas extending to a height of 153 feet above ground level.

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 pre-hearing 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 Waterbury Republican-American.

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 Kent on Thursday, January 31, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Kent Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	11/09/07
Completeness review	11/29/07
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	12/13/07 (tentative)
• Set-One responses due	12/31/07 (tentative)
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	01/07/08
Pre-filed testimony due	01/24/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/24/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	01/31/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	01/31/08
Close of Record	03/03/08
Draft Findings of Fact	03/13/08 (tentative)
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/27/08 (tentative)
Deadline for Decision	05/06/08
180-day extension date	11/03/08

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