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DATE: December 18, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 369** - 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 off Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 140-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut. The facility would provide coverage in the Town of Woodstock, particularly along Routes 198, 197 and 171, as well as local roads in the area.

The proposed site is located on a wooded 39-acre parcel located west of Sherman Road. The parcel is located in the Community District Zone. The proposed facility would be within 2,500 feet of the Town of Union. The application replaces Docket No. 350, which was withdrawn.

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 *Norwich Bulletin* on September 26 and 27, 2008.

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 Jessica Brito as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Woodstock on Thursday, January 29, 2009, and depositing the transcript in the Woodstock and Union Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

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| Application received | 09/30/08 |
| Completeness review | 12/04/08 |
| Pre-hearing Questions | |
| • Set-One Filed | 12/08/08 |
| • Set-One responses due | 12/30/08 |
| • Set-Two Filed | 01/02/09 |
| • Set-Two responses due | 01/22/09 |
| Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.) | 01/07/09 |
| Pre-filed testimony due | 01/22/09 |
| Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status | 01/22/09 |
| Field review (2:00 p.m.) | 01/29/09 |
| Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) | 01/29/09 |
| Close of Record | 03/02/09 |
| Draft Findings of Fact | 03/12/09 |
| Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order | 03/26/09 |
| Deadline for Decision | 03/30/09 |
| 180-day extension date | 09/25/09 |

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