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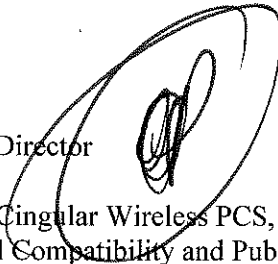
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DATE: April 13, 2009

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 375** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 85 Paper Mill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

This application is from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 150-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment at 85 Paper Mill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. The facility would provide coverage to the Route 47 and Route 132 area in northwest Woodbury.

The proposed site is located on a mostly wooded 35-acre parcel that contains two residences and a barn. The tower site is located in a small clearing near the center of the parcel. An associated 50-foot by 75-foot equipment compound would be constructed at the base of the tower.

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 *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 Jessica Brito as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Woodbury on May 12, 2009 and depositing the transcript at the Woodbury Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	02/04/09
Completeness review	04/07/09
Council's Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	03/26/09
• Set-One responses due	04/20/09
• Set-Two Filed	04/23/09 (<i>tentative</i>)
• Set-Two responses due	05/05/09
Pre-hearing conference (10:30 a.m.)	04/22/09
Pre-filed testimony due	05/05/09
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	05/05/09
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	05/12/09
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	05/12/09
Close of Record	06/11/09
Draft Findings of Fact	07/07/09
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	07/21/09
Deadline for Decision	08/03/09
180-day extension date	01/30/10

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