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DATE:

March 9, 2010

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 400 - Cellco Fartnership 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 343 Daleville Road, Willington, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 100-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Willington, Connecticut. The facility would provide coverage to Route 44 and surrounding local roads in the southern section of Willington.

The proposed site is located on a 22-acre parcel at 343 Daleville Road. The parcel, located in a rural residential area, contains a single family residence and a horse farm.

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 <u>Willimantic Chronicle</u>. In addition to the Town of Willington, notice was also provided to the Town of Mansfield because it is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

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 Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Willington on May 25, 2010, and depositing the transcript in the Willington and Mansfield Town Halls.



V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	02/05/10
Completeness review	03/09/10
Pre-hearing Questions	(tentative dates)
Set-One Filed	03/15/10
Set-One responses due	04/05/10
Set-Two Filed	04/12/10
Set-Two responses due	04/26/10
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	04/01/10
Deadline for Interrogatory Exchange between Participants	05/11/10
Pre-filed testimony due	05/18/10
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	05/18/10
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	05/25/10
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	05/25/10
Close of Record	06/24/10
Draft Findings of Fact	07/15/10
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	07/29/10
Deadline for Decision	08/04/10

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

c: Lisa Fontaine, Connecticut Siting Council