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TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 405** - 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 422 Rockville Road or 81 James Road, Voluntown, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

This application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment at one of two locations in the Town of Voluntown, Connecticut. The proposed facility would provide coverage to portions of Route 138, Route 165 and Route 49, as well as local roads in eastern Voluntown.

The proposed Site 1 facility consists of a 160-foot monopole located on an 11.2-acre residential parcel located at 422 Rockville Road. The proposed Site 2 facility consists of a 160-foot monopole located on a 9.5 acre residential parcel at 81 James Road.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed sites, 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.

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-Weston as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Voluntown on November 30, 2010, and depositing the transcript in the Town Clerk's Office of the Voluntown Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/02/10
Completeness review	10/07/10
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	10/18/10
• Set-One responses due	11/08/10
• Set-Two Filed	11/09/10
• Set-Two responses due	11/23/10
Pre-hearing conference 10:00 a.m.	10/26/10
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	11/16/10
Pre-filed testimony due	11/23/10
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/23/10
Field review (1:45 p.m.)	11/30/10
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	11/30/10
Close of Record	12/30/10
Draft Findings of Fact	01/06/11
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	01/20/11
Deadline for Decision (180 days)	03/01/11

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