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TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR/MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 427** – North Atlantic Towers, LLC and 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 one of two sites: 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, or 82 Short Beach Road, East Haven, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment at either 171 Short Beach Road in Branford or 82 Short Beach Road in East Haven.

The 171 Short Beach Road, Branford facility consists of a 120-foot monopole located adjacent to a commercial building on the property.

The 82 Short Beach Road facility consists of a 100-foot monopole located behind the Riverside Volunteer Fire Department building.

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 New Haven Register, The Shore, and the East Haven Chronicle newspapers.

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 East Haven on July 10, 2012, and depositing the transcript in the East Haven and Branford Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	April 24, 2012
Completeness review	May 10, 2012
Pre-hearing Questions	<i>(tentative dates)</i>
• Set-One Filed	May 17, 2012
• Set-One responses due	June 7, 2012
• Set-Two Filed	June 18, 2012
• Set-Two responses due	July 3, 2012
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	May 31, 2012
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	June 26, 2012
Pre-filed testimony due	July 3, 2012
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	July 3, 2012
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	July 10, 2012
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	July 10, 2012
Close of Record	August 10, 2012
Draft Findings of Fact	August 23, 2012
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	September 6, 2012
Deadline for Decision	October 9, 2012

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