

DATE: May 30, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 438** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon 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: 596 Pendleton Hill Road or 53 Gallup Road, Voluntown, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment at one of two locations in the Town of Voluntown, Connecticut.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the two 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 Carriann Mulchay as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Voluntown on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, and depositing the transcript in the Voluntown Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/10/13
Completeness review	06/10/13
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	06/04/13
• Set-One responses due	06/20/13
• Set-Two Filed	06/21/13
• Set-Two responses due	07/02/13
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m)	06/19/13
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	06/25/13
Pre-filed testimony due	07/02/13
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/02/13
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	07/09/13
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	07/09/13
Close of Record	08/08/13
Draft Findings of Fact	08/16/13
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/06/13
Deadline for Decision	11/06/13

Siting Analyst: David Martin