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DATE: September 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 440** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 522 Colebrook Road, Colebrook, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 120-foot monopole telecommunications facility and associated equipment on a 73.1-acre parcel owned by Wheeler Limited Liability Partnership and located at 522 Colebrook Road, Colebrook, Connecticut.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed 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 Carriann Mulchay as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Colebrook on Thursday, October 24, 2013, and depositing the transcript in the Colebrook Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	08/14/2013
Completeness review deadline	09/13/2013
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	09/06/2013
• Set-One responses due	09/20/2013
• Set-Two Filed	09/27/2013
• Set-Two responses due	10/10/2013
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	09/25/2013
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	10/10/2013
Pre-filed testimony due	10/17/2013
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	10/17/2013
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	10/24/2013
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	10/24/2013
Close of Record	11/25/2013
Draft Findings of Fact	12/12/2013
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	01/09/2014
Deadline for Decision	02/10/2014

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