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DATE: October 17, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 441** – Homeland 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 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility, which would include a 130-foot monopole tower to be camouflaged as a monopine, and associated equipment in the Town of Washington, 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 Voices.

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 Washington on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, and depositing the transcript in the Washington Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/17/13
Completeness review	10/17/13
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	10/04/13
• Set-One responses due	10/23/13
• Set-Two Filed	10/25/13
• Set-Two responses due	11/08/13
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	11/06/13
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	11/19/13
Pre-filed testimony due	11/26/13
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/26/13
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	12/03/13
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	12/03/13
Close of Record	01/02/14
Draft Findings of Fact	01/10/12
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order (FCC Deadline 150 days)	02/07/14
Deadline for Decision (180 days)	03/17/14
180-day extension date	09/12/14

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