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DATE: June 12, 2014
TO: Council Members
FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MAB*
RE: **DOCKET NO. 449** – Message Center Management 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 Redding Tax Assessor Map 23, Lot 72, Redding Ridge Fire Department, 186 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Message Center Management (MCM) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Redding, Connecticut.

MCM seeks to replace an existing 80-foot self-supporting lattice tower with a new 150-foot monopole on a 0.62-acre parcel owned by Redding Ridge Fire Department District No. 1. AT&T would co-locate at the 150-foot level of the tower.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Sprint Nextel on October 16, 2007 for this site in Docket No. 334. Sprint Nextel did not construct its 121-foot monopole.

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 § 16-50/ (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The Redding Pilot.

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 Redding on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, and depositing the transcript in the Redding Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/19/2014
Completeness review	06/12/2014
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	06/13/2014
• Set-One responses due	07/02/2014
• Set-Two Filed	07/07/2014
• Set-Two responses due	07/22/2014
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	06/25/2014
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	07/14/2014
Pre-filed testimony due	07/22/2014
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/22/2014
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	07/29/2014
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	07/29/2014
Close of Record	08/28/2014
Draft Findings of Fact	09/18/2014
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	10/02/2014
Deadline for Decision	11/17/2014

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