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DATE: September 4, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 451** – 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 the Cheshire Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cheshire Tax Assessor Map 38, Lot 180, 1325 Cheshire Street, Cheshire, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Homeland Towers, LLC (HT) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility, which would include a 170-foot monopole tower and associated equipment, in the Town of Cheshire, 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 § 16-50I (b) have been fulfilled. The Town of Cheshire waived the 90 day consultation period because the municipality and HT/AT&T have been working on a site for over two years. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the The Cheshire Herald.

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 Cheshire on Thursday, October 9, 2014, and depositing the transcript in the Cheshire Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	08/05/14
Completeness review	09/04/14
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	09/05/14
• Set-One responses due	09/24/14
• Set-Two Filed	09/25/14
• Set-Two responses due	10/02/14
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	09/17/14
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	09/25/14
Pre-filed testimony due	10/02/14
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	10/02/14
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	10/09/14
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	10/09/14
Close of Record	11/10/14
Draft Findings of Fact	11/13/14
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order (FCC Deadline 150 days)	12/11/14
Deadline for Decision (180 days)	02/02/15

Siting Analyst: David Martin