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DATE: March 20, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director ^{MB}

RE: **DOCKET NO. 445** - 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 Ridgefield Town Assessor Map Parcel #D08-124, southwest of the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility, which would include a 150-foot monopole tower and associated equipment, in the Town of Ridgefield, 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 The Ridgefield Press.

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 Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Ridgefield on Thursday, April 24, 2014, and depositing the transcript in the Ridgefield Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	02/21/14
Completeness review	03/20/14
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	03/21/14
• Set-One responses due	04/01/14
• Set-Two Filed	04/03/14
• Set-Two responses due	04/18/14
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	04/02/14
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	04/10/14
Pre-filed testimony due	04/17/14
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	04/17/14
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	04/24/14
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	04/24/14
Close of Record	05/27/14
Draft Findings of Fact	05/30/14
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order (FCC Deadline 150 days)	06/20/14
Deadline for Decision (180 days)	08/20/14

Siting Analyst: David Martin