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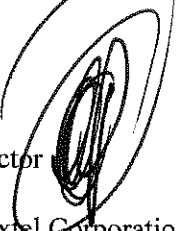
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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 348** – Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Connecticut Light and Power Company's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Cove Road, Haddam, Connecticut.



I. Introduction

The application is from Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Connecticut Light and Power Company's for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Haddam, Connecticut.

The Applicants propose to erect a 180-foot lattice tower on a 33-acre parcel owned by CL&P in the Haddam Neck section of Haddam. The residentially zoned parcel is undeveloped. The tower would replace a guyed lattice tower used by CL&P that was damaged and removed in the 1990's. The tower would serve as a key communications link for CL&P and would provide PCS coverage to the Haddam Neck and Route 154 area for Sprint.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate 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 Hartford Courant and The Middletown 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 Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Haddam on Thursday, January 17, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Haddam Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	10/22/07
Completeness review	11/29/07
Pre-hearing Questions	(tentative)
• Set-One Filed	12/03/07
• Set-One responses due	12/21/07
• Set-Two Filed	01/03/08
• Set-Two responses due	01/11/08
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	12/19/07
Pre-filed testimony due	01/10/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/10/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	01/17/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	01/17/08
Close of Record	02/06/08
Draft Findings of Fact	02/29/08
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/21/08
Deadline for Decision	04/21/08