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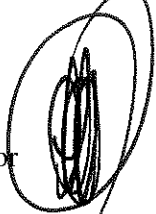
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DATE: February 28, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 356** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Farmington, Connecticut.

Cellco's proposed site is located on a 9.9 acre parcel at 199 Town Farm Road owned by the Town of Farmington and known as the Simmons Family Farm. At this location, Cellco would erect a 110-foot monopole tower, disguised as a monopine, in a 60-foot by 60-foot fenced compound.

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.

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 Farmington on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Farmington Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	02/01/08
Completeness review	02/28/08
Subcommittee meeting	02/28/08
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	03/06/08
• Set-One responses due	03/25/08
• Set-Two Filed	03/28/08
• Set-Two responses due	04/17/08
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	03/27/08
Pre-filed testimony due	04/08/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	04/08/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	04/15/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	04/15/08
Close of Record	05/15/08
Draft Findings of Fact	05/20/08
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	06/18/08
Deadline for Decision	07/30/08
180-day extension date	01/26/09

Siting Analyst: David Martin