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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 357** – Wireless Edge Fairfield Group LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Peck Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Wireless Edge Fairfield Group LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Danbury, Connecticut.

The applicants proposes to erect a 150-foot steel monopole telecommunications tower on an 71.14 acre parcel off of Peck Road at the City of Danbury Margerie Reservoir property. The tower would be built within a 92-foot by 92-foot enclosed 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 Danbury New Times.

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 Jessica Brito as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the City of Danbury on Thursday, May 29, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Danbury City Hall and New Fairfield Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	02/19/2008
Completeness review	04/10/2008
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	04/14/2008
• Set-One responses due	04/28/2008
• Set-Two Filed	05/05/2008
• Set-Two responses due	05/19/2008
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	05/09/2008
Pre-filed testimony due	05/22/2008
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	05/22/2008
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	05/29/2008
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	05/29/2008
Close of Record	06/30/2008
Draft Findings of Fact	07/24/2008
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	08/07/2008
Deadline for Decision	08/18/2008
180-day extension date	02/13/2009

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