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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 358** – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Celco 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 at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site A, and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site B, Thompson, Connecticut.



I. Introduction

The application is from MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Thompson, Connecticut.

Site A is proposed on a 1.98 acre parcel located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12). The parcel is used as a masonry products business. The Applicants would construct a 140-foot monopole within a 70-foot by 70-foot equipment compound in the central portion of the property.

Site B is proposed on a 3.43 acre parcel located at 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12). The parcel is used for residential purposes. The Applicants would construct a 140-foot monopole within a 70-foot by 70-foot equipment compound in the southeastern portion of the property.

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 Norwich Bulletin.

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 Town of Thompson on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Thompson Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	02/25/08
Completeness review	04/24/08
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	05/09/08 (tentative)
• Set-One responses due	05/23/08 (tentative)
Pre-hearing conference (1:00 p.m.)	05/22/08
Pre-filed testimony due	06/03/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	06/03/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	06/10/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	06/10/08
Close of Record	07/10/08
Draft Findings of Fact	07/17/08
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	07/31/08
Deadline for Decision	08/25/08
180-day extension date	02/20/09

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