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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 363** – Crown Communications Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 258 Ridge Road, Madison, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Crown Communications, Inc. for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Madison, Connecticut. Crown proposes to construct a 150-foot monopole at the Town's Bulky Waste Facility at 258 Ridge Road.

The site is located on a 14-acre parcel that makes up a portion of the 100-acre Town-owned bulky waste facility. A new 50-foot gravel road would access the tower site. A 90-foot by 90-foot equipment compound would be constructed at the base of the tower.

Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (T-Mobile) proposes to install up to 12 panel antennas on the tower at a height of 148 feet above ground level.

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 Source, a publication with distribution in Madison.

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 Madison on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Madison Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	May 30, 2008
Completeness review	July 10, 2008
Pre-hearing Questions	<i>(Tentative Dates)</i>
• Set-One Filed	July 11, 2008
• Set-One responses due	August 1, 2008
• Set-Two Filed	August 6, 2008
• Set-Two responses due	August 19, 2008
Pre-hearing conference (10 a.m.)	August 6, 2008
Pre-filed testimony due	August 19, 2008
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	August 19, 2008
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	August 26, 2008
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	August 26, 2008
Close of Record	September 25, 2008
Draft Findings of Fact	October 16, 2008
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	October 30, 2008
Deadline for Decision	November 26, 2008
180-day extension date	May 25, 2009

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