

DATE: October 16, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 368** – 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 off Sterling Road (Route 14), Plainfield, Connecticut.

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I. Introduction

This 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 Mosup section of the Town of Plainfield, Connecticut.

Cellco's proposed facility would be located on a privately owned 32.2 acre parcel off of Sterling Road (Route 14) and would consist of a 160-foot monopole tower within a 50-foot by 75-foot compound.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed 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 § 16-50L (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 Carriann Milcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Plainfield on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Plainfield Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	08/26/08
Completeness review	10/16/08
Subcommittee meeting	10/16/08
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	09/26/08
• Set-One responses due	10/16/08
• Set-Two Filed	10/21/08
• Set-Two responses due	11/14/08
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	11/13/08
Pre-filed testimony due	11/25/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/25/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	12/02/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	12/02/08
Close of Record	01/02/08
Draft Findings of Fact	01/09/09
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	01/30/09
Deadline for Decision	02/20/09
180-day extension date	08/21/09

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