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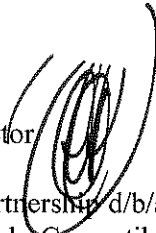
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DATE: March 12, 2009

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 374** – 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.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Farmington, Connecticut. The proposed facility would consist of a 60-foot by 60-foot enclosed equipment compound within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area. It would include a 110-foot tall monopine tower whose branches would extend to an overall height of 117 feet. Cellco previously submitted another certificate application for a facility at this same site that was withdrawn.

### 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. Since the Town of Avon is within 2,500 feet of the proposed site notice of the application has been provided to this municipality. 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 Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Farmington on Thursday, May 14, 2009, and depositing the transcript in the Farmington and Avon Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

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| Application received                               | 01/23/09 |
| Completeness review                                | 02/19/09 |
| Subcommittee meeting                               | 02/19/09 |
| Pre-hearing Questions                              |          |
| • Set-One Filed                                    | 02/20/09 |
| • Set-One responses due                            | 03/11/09 |
| • Set-Two Filed                                    | 03/13/09 |
| • Set-Two responses due                            | 04/02/09 |
| Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)                | 04/30/09 |
| Pre-filed testimony due                            | 05/07/09 |
| Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status        | 05/07/09 |
| Field review (2:00 p.m.)                           | 05/14/09 |
| Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)                  | 05/14/09 |
| Close of Record                                    | 06/15/09 |
| Draft Findings of Fact                             | 06/19/09 |
| Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order | 07/10/11 |
| Deadline for Decision                              | 07/22/09 |
| 180-day extension date                             | 01/18/10 |

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