

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DATE:

April 14, 2009

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE:

**DOCKET NO. 376** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 24 Dinglebrook Lane, Newtown, Connecticut.

#### I. Introduction

The application is from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 150-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Newtown, Connecticut. The facility would provide coverage in the northern Newtown, eastern Brookfield, southern Bridgewater and portions of Southbury and other local roads and adjacent areas.

The proposed site is located on a 24.7-acre parcel located off of Dinglebrook Lane. The parcel is located in the Residential (R-2) Zone. The proposed facility would be within 2,500 feet of the Towns of Brookfield and Bridgewater.

#### 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 substantially completed all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50½ (b). The applicant has stated within its application that it provided copies of the technical report to the municipalities including the Town of Bridgewater which is within 2,500 feet of the proposed site. However, notice of the application to the Town of Bridgewater was not listed. Staff has requested that the applicant provide service to the Town of Bridgewater. The applicant also stated that notice to the general public was published in the Newtown Bee.



#### 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 Newtown on Thursday, May 28, 2009, and depositing the transcript in the Newtown, Brookfield, and Bridgewater Town Halls.

## V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	02/17/2009
Completeness review	04/07/2009
Pre-hearing Questions	
Set-One Filed	04/10/2009
Set-One responses due	04/24/2009
Set-Two Filed	05/01/2009
Set-Two responses due	05/15/2009
Pre-hearing conference (10:30 a.m.)	04/30/2009
Pre-filed testimony due	05/21/2009
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	05/21/2009
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	05/28/2009
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	05/28/2009
Close of Record	06/29/2009
Draft Findings of Fact	07/15/2009
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	07/29/2009
Deadline for Decision	08/17/2009
180-day extension date	02/12/2010

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c: Lisa Fontaine, Connecticut Siting Council