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DATE: July 22, 2009

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 381** - 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 27 Gungy Road/ 322 Beaver Brook Road, Lyme, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 180-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Lyme, Connecticut. The facility would provide coverage in northern Lyme and parts of East Lyme.

The proposed site is located on a 100-acre parcel located at 27 Gungy Road. The parcel is located in the Rural (RU-80) zoning district. The proposed facility would be within 2,500 feet of the Town of East Lyme.

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 Day on April 29 and 30, 2009.

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 Lyme on Thursday, October 15, 2009, and depositing the transcript in the Lyme and East Lyme Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/15/2009
Completeness review	07/21/2009
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	07/29/2009
• Set-One responses due	08/19/2009
• Set-Two Filed	08/26/2009
• Set-Two responses due	09/16/2009
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m./p.m.)	09/21/2009
Interrogatory Exchange between Participants	10/01/2009
Pre-filed testimony due	10/08/2009
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	10/08/2009
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	10/15/2009
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	10/15/2009
Close of Record	11/16/2009
Draft Findings of Fact	12/03/2009
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	12/17/2009
Deadline for Decision	11/11/2009
180-day extension date	05/10/2010

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