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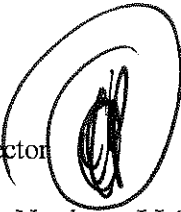
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DATE: October 8, 2009

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 386** – T-Mobile Northeast LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 123 Pine Orchard Road, Branford, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from T-Mobile Northeast LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment at 123 Pine Orchard Road in the Town of Branford, Connecticut. The site would provide wireless coverage to local roads surrounding Pine Orchard Drive and the Amtrak line.

T-Mobile proposes to construct a 120-foot monopole on a 4.1-acre commercial property adjacent to the Amtrak line in Branford. Access would be from an existing gravel parking area on the property. A 50-foot by 50-foot fenced compound would be constructed at the base of the tower.

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 § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The New Haven Register.

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 Branford on December 15, 2009, and depositing the transcript in the Branford Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/14/09
Completeness review	10/08/09
Pre-hearing Questions	<i>(tentative dates)</i>
• Set-One Filed	10/14/09
• Set-One responses due	11/04/09
• Set-Two Filed	11/10/09
• Set-Two responses due	12/01/09
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	11/06/09
Deadline for Interrogatory Exchange between Participants	12/01/09
Pre-filed testimony due	12/08/09
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	12/08/09
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	12/15/09
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	12/15/09
Close of Record	01/14/10
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD
Deadline for Decision	03/15/10
180-day extension date	09/09/10

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

c: Lisa Fontaine, Connecticut Siting Council