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DATE: October 22, 2009

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 387** – SBA Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 44 Gavitt Road, Barkhamsted, Connecticut.

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I. Introduction

The application is from SBA Towers II, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility, which would include a 170-foot monopole and associated equipment, in the Town of Barkhamsted, Connecticut.

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 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 Jessica Weston as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Barkhamsted on Thursday, December 10, 2009, and depositing the transcript in the Barkhamsted Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/18/09
Completeness review	10/22/09
Subcommittee meeting	10/22/09
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	10/23/09
• Set-One responses due	11/18/09
• Set-Two Filed	11/20/09
• Set-Two responses due	12/03/09
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	11/10/09
Interrogatory Exchange between Participants	11/27/09
Pre-filed testimony due	12/03/09
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	12/03/09
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	12/10/09
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	12/10/09
Close of Record	01/11/10
Draft Findings of Fact	01/15/10
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	02/05/10
Deadline for Decision	03/17/10

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