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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 402** - 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 16 Bell Road Extension, Cornwall, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 110-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Cornwall, Connecticut. The proposed facility would provide coverage to portions of Route 4 and Route 7, as well as Cornwall village.

The proposed site is located on a 41-acre parcel at 16 Bell Road Extension. The parcel, located in a heavily forested, low density residential area, contains a single family residence.

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 Waterbury Republican-American.

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 Cornwall on July 20, 2010, and depositing the transcript in the Cornwall and Sharon Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/06/10
Completeness review	05/27/10
Pre-hearing Questions	<i>(tentative)</i>
• Set-One Filed	06/04/10
• Set-One responses due	06/25/10
• Set-Two Filed	06/29/10
• Set-Two responses due	07/13/10
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	06/24/10
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	07/06/10
Pre-filed testimony due	07/13/10
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/13/10
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	07/20/10
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	07/20/10
Close of Record	08/19/10
Draft Findings of Fact	09/09/10
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/23/10
Deadline for Decision (180 days)	11/02/10

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

c: Lisa Fontaine, Connecticut Siting Council