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TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 415** - 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 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

This application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 150-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment at 87 West Quasset Road in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut. The tower would be located on a 29-acre parcel in the southwestern portion of Woodstock.

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.

III. Administrative Review/Completeness

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 Norwich Bulletin.

IV. Procedural

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission Declaratory Ruling, the Council has 30 days from the date of receipt to determine if the application is complete. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

Upon determining the application complete, the Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Woodstock on Thursday, May 26, 2011, and depositing the transcript in the Woodstock Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	January 28, 2011
Completeness review	February 25, 2011
Pre-hearing Questions	<i>(Tentative dates)</i>
• Set-One Filed	March 10, 2011
• Set-One responses due	March 31, 2011
• Set-Two Filed	April 6, 2011
• Set-Two responses due	April 27, 2011
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	April 6, 2011
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	May 12, 2011
Pre-filed testimony due	May 19, 2011
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	May 19, 2011
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	May 26, 2011
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	May 26, 2011
Close of Record	June 27, 2011
Draft Findings of Fact	July 14, 2011
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	July 28, 2011 <i>(tentative)</i>
Deadline for Decision	To be determined

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

c: Carriann Mulcahy, Connecticut Siting Council