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DATE: July 28, 2011

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 420** - SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility at one of three sites located at 49 Mountain Avenue; 23/25 Northwest Corner Road; or 350B Cossaduck Hill Road, North Stonington, Connecticut.

This completeness review is submitted in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission Declaratory Ruling that completeness of an application be determined within 30 days of receipt.

I. Introduction

The application was received from SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC on June 29, 2011 for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut. The proposed facility would provide coverage to the northern portion of North Stonington.

The proposed Site A facility consists of a 190-foot monopole located on an 2.24-acre parcel located at 49 Mountain Avenue. The proposed Site B facility consists of a 190-foot monopole located at 25 Northwest Corner Road with access via 23 Northwest Corner Road. The parcel sizes are 86.2 acres and 13.23 acres, respectively. The proposed Site C facility consists of a 190-foot monopole located on a 11.66-acre parcel at 350B Cossaduck Hill Road.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the three possible sites, 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. 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 Westerly Sun.

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 North Stonington on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, and depositing the transcript in the North Stonington Town Hall.

Proposed Schedule

Application received	06/29/2011
Completeness review	07/28/2011
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	08/12/2011
• Set-One responses due	08/26/2011
• Set-Two Filed	08/30/2011
• Set-Two responses due	09/13/2011
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	08/19/2011
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	09/06/2011
Pre-filed testimony due	09/13/2011
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/13/2011
Field review (1:30 p.m.)	09/20/2011
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	09/20/2011
Close of Record	10/20/2011
Draft Findings of Fact	10/20/2011
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	11/03/2011
Deadline for Decision	12/25/2011

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