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DATE: September 8, 2011

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 422** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC 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 located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Watertown, 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 Town Times.

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 Watertown on Thursday, October 27, 2011, and depositing the transcript in the Watertown and Thomaston Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	08/08/11
Completeness review	09/08/11
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	08/17/11
• Set-One responses due	09/21/11
• Set-Two Filed	09/23/11
• Set-Two responses due	10/14/11
Pre-hearing conference 10:00 a.m./p.m.)	10/05/11
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	10/13/11
Pre-filed testimony due	10/20/11
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	10/20/11
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	10/27/11
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	10/27/11
Close of Record	11/28/11
Draft Findings of Fact	12/02/11
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	12/22/11
Deadline for Decision	02/06/12

Siting Analyst: David Martin

c: Lisa Fontaine, Connecticut Siting Council