

DATE: February 2, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 425** – Message Center Management application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a replacement telecommunications facility located at 4 Dittmar Road, Redding, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Message Center Management, Inc. for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a replacement telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Redding, Connecticut.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed replacement facility, 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 Redding Pilot.

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 Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Redding on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, and depositing the transcript in the Redding and Bethel Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	01/09/12
Completeness review	02/02/12
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed (tentative)	01/26/12
• Set-One responses due (tentative)	02/17/12
• Set-Two Filed (tentative)	02/24/12
• Set-Two responses due (tentative)	03/09/12
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	03/07/12
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	03/13/12
Pre-filed testimony due	03/20/12
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	03/20/12
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	03/27/12
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	03/27/12
Close of Record	04/26/12
Draft Findings of Fact	05/04/12
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	05/18/12
Deadline for Decision (180 days)	07/09/12

Siting Analyst: David Martin

c: Lisa Fontaine, Connecticut Siting Council