



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DATE: July 25, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 439** – Message Center Management, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Bates Woods Park, New London, Connecticut.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from Message Center Management, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment at Bates Wood Park in New London, Connecticut. The proposed tower would replace an existing 90-foot light pole located at the edge of a ball field.

### II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, description of the proposed 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 Day on June 17, and June 18, 2013.

### 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 at the New London High School on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, and depositing the transcript in the New London City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	06/21/13
Completeness review	07/25/13
Pre-hearing Questions • Set-One Filed • Set-One responses due	<i>(tentative)</i> 08/07/13 08/28/13
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	08/13/13
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	08/28/13
Pre-filed testimony due	09/03/13
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/03/13
Field review (2:30 p.m.)	09/10/13
Hearing (3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	09/10/13
Close of Record	10/10/13
Draft Findings of Fact	10/24/13
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	11/07/13
Deadline for Decision	12/18/13

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