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DATE: October 17, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 442** – 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 284 New

Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications facility located at the Connecticut National Guard Armory facility at 284 New Canaan Avenue in Norwalk, Connecticut. The proposed telecommunications facility consists of two, 140-foot monopoles with interior flush mounted antennas.

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. 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 § 16-50½ (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the New Canaan Advertiser and The Hour.

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 City of Norwalk on December 19, 2013, and depositing the transcript in the City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/23/2013
Completeness review deadline	10/23/2013
Pre-hearing Questions	
Set-One Filed	10/22/2013
Set-One responses due	11/12/2013
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Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	11/05/2013
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	12/05/2013
Pre-filed testimony due	12/12/2013
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	12/12/2013
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	12/19/2013
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	12/19/2013
Close of Record	01/21/2014
Draft Findings of Fact	01/23/2014
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion	02/06/2014
& Decision & Order	
Deadline for Decision	03/24/2014

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