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DATE: June 12, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *WAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 448** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Orange Tax Assessor Map 77, Block 3, Lot 1, 831 Derby Milford Road, Orange, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Orange, Connecticut. The Town of Shelton is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

Cellco proposes to construct a 100-foot monopole on a 34.6-acre parcel at 831 Derby Milford Road in Orange. The proposed facility would include a 50-foot by 50-foot fenced compound around the base of the tower. The property is used for agricultural purposes.

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 Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50j(b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public of the application filing was published in The New Haven Register.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m, the Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. At least one session of the hearing shall be held at a location selected by the Council in the county in which the facility or any part thereof is to be located. Such hearing session shall commence after 6:30 p.m. for the convenience of the general public.

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, conducting a field review at the proposed site on Thursday, July 17, 2014, holding a public hearing at the Shelton City Hall in Shelton on Thursday, July 17, 2014, and depositing a copy of the transcript in the Shelton City Hall and Orange Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/13/2014
Completeness review	06/12/2014
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	06/13/2014
• Set-One responses due	06/27/2014
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	06/24/2014
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	07/03/2014
Pre-filed testimony due	07/10/2014
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/11/2014
Field review at proposed site in Orange (2:00 p.m.)	07/17/2014
Hearing at Shelton City Hall (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	07/17/2014
Close of Record	08/18/2014
Draft Findings of Fact	08/21/2014
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/04/2014
Deadline for Decision	11/10/2014

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier