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DATE: December 11, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director ^{MAB}

RE: **DOCKET NO. 453** – American Tower Corporation 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 Manchester Tax Assessor Map 133, Block 3700, Lot 701, 701 Lydall Street, Manchester, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from American Towers Corporation (ATC) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility, which would include a 104-foot monopole tower and associated equipment, in the Town of Manchester, Connecticut. The Towns of Bolton and Vernon are within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

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 § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The Journal Inquirer.

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 Mathews as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Manchester on Tuesday, January 20, 2014, and depositing the transcript in the Town Halls of Manchester, Bolton, and Vernon.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	11/04/14
Service requirements completed per RCSA § 16-50/-1a	11/07/14
Completeness review	12/11/14
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	11/21/14
• Set-One responses due	12/19/14
• Set-Two Filed	12/23/14
• Set-Two responses due	01/06/14
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	12/17/14
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	01/06/15
Pre-filed testimony due	01/13/15
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/13/15
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	01/20/15
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	01/20/15
Close of Record	02/19/15
Draft Findings of Fact	02/25/15
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/18/15
Deadline for Decision	04/06/15

Siting Analyst: David Martin