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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director **MAB**

RE: **DOCKET NO. 454** – Tower Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Farmington Tax Assessor Parcel ID Maps 25 and 26, Lots 3A and 3B, 199 Brickyard Road, Farmington, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Tower Holdings LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Farmington, Connecticut. The proposed facility consists of a 180-foot self-supporting lattice tower and an associated equipment compound located on a 2.49-acre developed commercial property. The proposed facility would provide wireless services and would be used for tower technician training.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the 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 § 16-50/ (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the *Hartford Courant* on October 4 and October 6, 2014.

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 Farmington on February 3, 2015, and depositing the transcript in the Farmington Town Hall.

V. Revised Schedule

Application received	11/07/14
Council request for more information per Regulations of State Agencies Section 16-50/1a.	11/07/14
Date Applicant submitted complete information per Regulations of State Agencies Section 16-50/1a.	11/12/14
Completeness review	12/11/14
Council's Pre-hearing Questions to Applicant	
• Set One Filed	12/15/14
• Set One responses due	01/05/15
• Set Two Filed	02/20/15
• Set Two responses due	03/10/15
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	01/06/15
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/27/15
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	02/03/15
Hearing in Farmington (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	02/03/15
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	03/03/15
Pre-filed testimony due	03/10/15
Continued Hearing in New Britain	03/17/15
Close of Record	04/17/15
Draft Findings of Fact	05/28/15
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	06/11/15
Deadline for Decision	6/26/15

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